PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-66
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1010 AM EDT MON JUN 12 2000

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ AND EMWIN SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE PIERCE
CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN ALBUQUERQUE...EFFECTIVE JULY 5 2000

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY...JULY 5 2000 AT 430 A.M. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME /MDT/...1030 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...SEVERAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE WITH THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT /ZFP/ ISSUED BY THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN ALBUQUERQUE /NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ ID - ABQZFPABQ...WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING - FPUS55 KABQ/. CUSTOMERS HAVE REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS:

1. THE TEMPERATURE FORECASTS WILL CHANGE FROM CATEGORIES TO THE ACTUAL VALUE.

2. THE TWO AND FIVE PERCENT PROBABILITIES WILL BE ELIMINATED. IF THE POSSIBILITY OF PRECIPITATION IS MENTIONED IN THE TEXT OF THE FORECAST...THE PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION LISTED WILL BE AT LEAST 10 PERCENT. IF NO PRECIPITATION IS MENTIONED IN THE TEXT OF THE FORECAST...THE CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION IS ZERO.

EXAMPLE:

.TODAY...MOSTLY SUNNY BUT WITH A FEW AFTERNOON CLOUDS NEAR THE MOUNTAINS. SOUTHWEST WIND 10-20 MPH IN THE AFTERNOON.
.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A FEW THUNDERSTORMS. SOUTHEAST WIND 5-15 MPH.
.FRIDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY...COOLER...WITH SCATTERED LATE MORNING AND AFTERNOON THUNDERSTORMS. SOUTH WIND 10-15 MPH.

EXISTING FORMAT...
.< TEMPERATURE / PRECIPITATION
CHAMA L80S U50S M70S / 2 20 50
LOS ALAMOS L80S U50S M70S / 2 20 40

NEW FORMAT...BEGINNING JULY 1...
.< TEMPERATURE / PRECIPITATION
CHAMA 82 58 76 0 20 40
LOS ALAMOS 82 58 76 0 20 40

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS... PLEASE CONTACT:
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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/: 

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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