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FROM: JAMES E. LEE
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: DIGITAL FORECAST PRODUCT FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE OFFICE EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA/GRAND FORKS...
EFFECTIVE APRIL 23 2002

ON TUESDAY APRIL 23 2002...AT 400 AM CST...THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE IN EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA/GRAND FORKS /FGF/ WILL BEGIN
ISSUING AN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT CALLED THE DIGITAL FORECAST
PRODUCT.

THE DIGITAL FORECAST IS A PRODUCT WHICH DISPLAYS FORECAST WEATHER
PARAMETERS IN 3-HOUR AND 12-HOUR INTERVALS. THE DIGITAL FORMAT
OF THIS PRODUCT PROMOTES QUICK VISUAL SCANNING OF SELECTED
WEATHER ELEMENTS AND FACILITATES EASE OF USE WITH COMPUTERS. IT
ALLOWS THE USER TO OBTAIN THE WEATHER PARAMETER/S/ OF CHOICE.

THE WMO HEADER FOR THIS PRODUCT WILL BE FOUS53 KFGF. THE AWIPS
IDENTIFIER WILL BE RDFFGF. CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO ADD THESE
IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IF THEY WISH TO
RECEIVE THE DIGITAL FORECAST.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIGITAL FORECAST
PRODUCT...ISSUED BY THE NWS OFFICE IN KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL
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DIGITAL FORECAST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE KANSAS CITY/PLEASANT HILL MO
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Further details on how to interpret this product can be found on the Pleasant Hill Forecast Office website at /use lower case letters/:

www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/rdfexplain.htm

...or contact the Eastern North Dakota/Grand Forks Forecast Office at the number listed below.

If you have questions or comments about these products...please call Dave Kellenbenz or Lee Anderson at the Eastern North Dakota/Grand Forks Forecast Office at 701-772-0720.

This notice and other service change notices are on the internet at /use lower case letters/:

www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm

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