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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-27  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
230 PM EDT THU APR 18 2002

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS  
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
/NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

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

SUBJECT: END-STATE WMO/AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS FOR WESTERN  
REGION PUBLIC WARNING PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE MAY 29 2002

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY MAY 29 2002...AT 1 AM PDT /2 AM MDT/...24 NWS  
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ IN THE WESTERN U.S. WILL COMPLETE  
TRANSITION TO END-STATE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/  
COMMUNICATION HEADERS FOR THEIR PUBLIC WARNING PRODUCTS...SEE  
TABLE 1. THE SECOND LINE OF THE PRODUCT HEADER...KNOWN AS THE  
AWIPS IDENTIFIER...WILL ALSO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT MODERN SITE  
LOCATION IDENTIFIERS. FOR EXAMPLE...GTF /GREAT FALLS/ WILL  
BECOME TFX...ETC. THIS WILL AFFECT PUBLIC WARNING PRODUCTS  
ISSUED BY OFFICES IN THE FOLLOWING STATES: OREGON...WASHINGTON...  
CALIFORNIA...ARIZONA...NEVADA...UTAH...IDAHO...AND MONTANA.

TABLE 1 - PRODUCTS AFFECTED

TOR TORNADO WARNING  
SVR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING  
SVS SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT  
SPS SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT  
SLS SEVERE LOCAL STORM WATCH AND AREAL OUTLINE  
WCN SEVERE WEATHER WATCH NOTIFICATION STATEMENT  
NPW NON-PRECIPITATION WARNINGS, WATCHES, AND ADVISORIES  
WSW WINTER WEATHER WARNINGS...WATCHES...AND ADVISORIES  
NOW SHORT-TERM FORECAST  
CEM CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE  
LSR LOCAL STORM REPORT  
PNS PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
SAB SNOW AVALANCHE BULLETIN

TO ASSIST NWS CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH THIS TRANSITION...A  
SPECIAL WEB SITE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED. THE SITE CONTAINS TABLES  
LISTING ALL OF THE WESTERN REGION WFO PUBLIC WARNING PRODUCTS...  
THEIR CURRENT IDENTIFIERS...AND THEIR END-STATE IDENTIFIERS. THE  
TABLES ARE COLOR-CODED AND ANNOTATED TO HELP CUSTOMERS DETERMINE  
WHICH IDENTIFIERS WILL BE CHANGED. THE WEB SITE ADDRESS IS /USE  
LOWER CASE/:

<http://ww2.wrh.noaa.gov/public/wmoheaders/warningprods.htm>

\*\*\*\*\*IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL USERS OF NWS WARNING PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM THE WESTERN U.S. MAKE SURE THAT THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DIRECTORIES EXACTLY MATCH THE HEADERS LISTED...BEGINNING ON MAY 15. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL PREVENT HIGH PRIORITY WARNING PRODUCTS FROM REACHING THEIR INTENDED AUDIENCE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS TRANSITION...PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN THE WESTERN REGION OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NWS WESTERN REGION CONTACTS IN SALT LAKE CITY UTAH:

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