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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-34  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
415 PM EDT THU MAY 16 2002

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

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

SUBJECT: NEW WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE FOR SELECTED WEATHER  
FORECAST OFFICES...EFFECTIVE JULY 15 2002

ON MONDAY JULY 15 2002 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS  
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ IN TABLE 1 WILL BEGIN ISSUING A NEW TEXT  
OPERATIONAL PRODUCT CALLED THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION /WCN/. SEVERAL  
WFOS SUCCESSFULLY TESTED THE WCN PRODUCT IN 2001.

WFOS USE WCN MESSAGES TO DEPICT THE STATUS OF ACTIVE SEVERE THUNDERSTORM  
OR TORNADO WATCHES FOR THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE WCN SHOWS WHICH  
COUNTIES REMAIN IN...ARE CLEARED FROM...OR ARE CANCELLED FROM WATCHES.  
THE WCN PRODUCT CAN ALSO BE USED TO EXTEND IN TIME ACTIVE SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM AND TORNADO WATCHES. WCN MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IF  
BACKUP SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER NWS OFFICE IS REQUIRED.

FOR A SUITE OF EXAMPLES SHOWING THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES FOR  
EACH CONVECTIVE WATCH SITUATION...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER  
CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WCN/WCNEX.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/wcn/wcnex.pdf)

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WCN MESSAGES SHOULD ADD THE  
COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS IN TABLE 1 TO THE APPROPRIATE DATABASES.

TABLE 1: PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND CHANGE NOTICE INFORMATION:

EASTERN REGION PARTICIPATING WFOS:

WAKEFIELD VA /AKQ/  
CHARLESTON SC /CHS/  
BINGHAMTON NY /BGM/  
WILMINGTON OH /ILN/  
BUFFALO NY /BUF/  
PITTSBURGH PA /PBZ/  
CARIBOU ME /CAR/

MESSAGE TYPE	WMO ID	AWIPS ID
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WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS61 KAKQ	WCNAKQ
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS61 KBGM	WCNBGM
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS61 KBUF	WCNBUF
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS61 KCAR	WCNCAR
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS62 KCHS	WCNCHS
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS61 KILN	WCNILN
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS61 KPBZ	WCNPBZ

CENTRAL REGION PARTICIPATING WFOS:

ABERDEEN SD /ABR/  
 SIOUX FALLS SD /FSD/  
 GOODLAND KS /GLD/  
 DODGE CITY KS /DDC/

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WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS63 KABR	WCNABR
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS63 KFSD	WCNFSD
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS63 KGLD	WCNGLD
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS63 KDDC	WCNDDC

SOUTHERN REGION PARTICIPATING WFOS:

AMARILLO TX /AMA/  
 MELBOURNE FL /MLB/  
 ATLANTA GA /FFC/  
 NASHVILLE TN /OHX/  
 BIRMINGHAM AL /BMX/  
 NORMAN OK /OUN/  
 FORT WORTH TX /FWD/  
 SHREVEPORT LA /SHV/  
 HOUSTON TX /HGX/  
 TALLAHASSEE FL /TLH/  
 JACKSONVILLE FL /JAX/  
 TAMPA FL /TBW/  
 LAKE CHARLES LA /LCH/  
 TULSA OK /TSA/

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WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KAMA	WCNAMA
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS62 KFFC	WCNFFC
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KBMX	WCNBMX
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KFWD	WCNFWD
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KHGX	WCNHGX
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS62 KJAX	WCNJAX
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KLCH	WCNLCH
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS62 KMLB	WCNMLB
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KOHX	WCNOHX
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KOUN	WCNOUN
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KSHV	WCNSHV

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WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS62 KTLH	WCNTLH
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS62 KTBW	WCNTBW
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KTSA	WCNTSA

WESTERN REGION PARTICIPATING WFOS:

BILLINGS MT /BYZ/  
 MEDFORD OR /MFR/  
 ELKO NV /LKN/  
 MISSOULA MT /MSO/  
 EUREKA CA /EKA/  
 PENDLETON OR /PDT/  
 GLASGOW MT /GGW/  
 SAN DIEGO CA /SGX/  
 HANFORD CA /HNX/  
 SPOKANE WA /OTX/  
 LAS VEGAS NV /VEF/

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WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS65 KBYZ	WCNBYZ
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS65 KLKN	WCNLKN
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS66 KEKA	WCNEKA
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS65 KGGW	WCNGGW
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS66 KHNX	WCNHNX
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS65 KVEF	WCNVEF
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS66 KMFR	WCNMFR
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS65 KMSO	WCNMMSO
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS66 KPDT	WCNPDT
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS66 KSGX	WCNSGX
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WWUS64 KOTX	WCNOTX

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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/NOTIFICATIONS/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notifications/archive)

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