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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-14
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1215 PM EST FRI FEB 21 2003

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...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE FOR SELECTED
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES...EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2003

ON TUESDAY...APRIL 15 2003 AT 1200 UTC /COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME/...THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFO/ IN TABLE 1 WILL BEGIN
ISSUING AN EXPERIMENTAL TEXT PRODUCT CALLED THE WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION /WCN/. THE WFO/S WILL ISSUE WCN/S ALONG WITH STATE
AREAL OUTLINE STATEMENTS /SLS/ AND SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENTS
/SPS/ AS A FINAL TEST TO EVALUATE WHETHER OR NOT TO IMPLEMENT
THIS PRODUCT THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES ON
OCTOBER 1 2003. WCN/S ISSUED DURING THIS TEST ARE FOR EVALUATION
PURPOSES ONLY.

WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES WILL 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 CANCELLED FROM...OR ARE EXTENDED IN AREA OR TIME PERIOD
OF THE WATCH. WCN MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED DURING THIS TEST
PERIOD IF BACKUP SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER NWS OFFICE IS REQUIRED.

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

TABLE 1: ISSUING OFFICES ALONG WITH CORRESPONDING WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS.

NWS EASTERN REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES

ISSUING OFFICE WMO HEADING AWIPS ID

WFO COLUMBIA SC	WWUS62 KCAE	WCNCAE
WFO CHARLESTON SC	WWUS62 KCHS	WCNCHS
WFO GREER SC	WWUS62 KGSP	WCNGSP
WFO CHARLESTON WV	WWUS61 KRLX	WCNRLX

WFO WILMINGTON NC WWUS62 KILM WCNILM
WFO NEWPORT NC WWUS62 KMHX WCNMHX
WFO RALEIGH NC WWUS62 KRAH WCNRAH
WFO WAKEFIELD VA WWUS61 KAKQ WCNAKQ
WFO ROANOKE VA WWUS61 KRNK WCNRNK

NWS CENTRAL REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES

ISSUING OFFICE WMO HEADING AWIPS ID

WFO BISMARCK ND WWUS63 KBIS WCNBIS
WFO LINCOLN IL WWUS63 KILX WCNILX
WFO RIVERTON WY WWUS65 KRIW WCNRIW
WFO GRAND JUNCTION CO WWUS65 KGJT WCNGJT
WFO INDIANAPOLIS IN WWUS63 KIND WCNIND
WFO HASTINGS NE WWUS63 KGID WCNGID
WFO PADUCAH KY WWUS63 KPAH WCNPAH
WFO KANSAS CITY MO WWUS63 KEAX WCNEAX
WFO SAINT LOUIS MO WWUS63 KLSX WCNLSX
WFO SPRINGFIELD MO WWUS63 KSGF WCNSGF
WFO DODGE CITY KS WWUS63 KDDC WCNDDC
WFO GOODLAND KS WWUS63 KGLD WCNGLD
WFO WICHITA KS WWUS63 KICT WCNICT
WFO TOPEKA KS WWUS63 KTOP WCNTOP

NWS SOUTHERN REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES

ISSUING OFFICE WMO HEADING AWIPS ID

WFO ATLANTA GA WWUS62 KFFC WCNFFC
WFO BIRMINGHAM AL WWUS64 KBMX WCNBMX
WFO FORT WORTH TX WWUS64 KFWD WCNFWD
WFO AMARILLO TX WWUS64 KAMA WCNAMA
WFO LUBBOCK TX WWUS64 KLBB WCNLUB
WFO LAKE CHARLES LA WWUS64 KLCH WCNLCH
WFO SHREVEPORT LA WWUS64 KSHV WCNSHV
WFO OKLAHOMA CITY OK WWUS64 KOUN WCNOUN
WFO TULSA OK WWUS64 KTSA WCNTSA
WFO HOUSTON TX WWUS64 KHGX WCNHGX
WFO MORRISTOWN TN WWUS64 KMRX WCNMRX
WFO HUNTSVILLE AL WWUS64 KHUN WCNHUN
WFO NASHVILLE TN WWUS64 KOHX WCNOHX

NWS WESTERN REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES

ISSUING OFFICE WMO HEADING AWIPS ID

WFO BOISE ID WWUS65 KBOI WCNBOI
WFO POCATELLO ID WWUS65 KPIH WCNPIH
WFO BILLINGS MT WWUS65 KBYZ WCNBYZ
WFO GLASGOW MT WWUS65 KGGW WCNGGW
WFO MISSOULA MT WWUS65 KMSO WCNMSO
WFO GREAT FALLS MT WWUS65 KTFX WCNTFX
WFO SALT LAKE CITY UT WWUS65 KSLC WCNSLC

FOR INFORMATION ON AND EXAMPLES OF WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION
MESSAGES...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/watch>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT

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