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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-24
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
400 PM EDT THU JUN 22 2006

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

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SUBJECT: EXPERIMENTAL NWS LOCAL THREE-MONTH TEMPERATURE OUTLOOKS
TO BE ISSUED ON THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: EFFECTIVE
JULY 20 2006

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY JULY 20 2006 AT 830 AM EDT OR 1330 UTC
/COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME/... NEW EXPERIMENTAL NWS LOCAL
3-MONTH TEMPERATURE OUTLOOKS /L3MTO/ WILL BE AVAILABLE ON NWS
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ CLIMATE WEB PAGES ON THE THIRD
THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. BEGINNING JULY 20 AT 830 AM EDT... LINKS
TO THE WFO CLIMATE WEB PAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE
LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/CLIMATE/L3MTO.PHP](http://www.weather.gov/climate/l3mto.php)

L3MTO ARE TAILORED TO APPROXIMATELY 1200 SITE SPECIFIC STATIONS
ACROSS THE CONTINENTAL U.S. /CONUS/ AND ALASKA FROM THE NWS
CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ NATIONAL THREE MONTH TEMPERATURE
OUTLOOKS. L3MTO WILL BE ISSUED CONCURRENTLY WITH CPC OUTLOOKS.
EACH WFO IN THE CONUS AND ALASKA WILL ISSUE L3MTO FOR
APPROXIMATELY 10 STATIONS IN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

L3MTO INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH GRAPHIC AND TEXT
FORMATS. FOR EACH STATION THE L3MTO PRODUCT SUITE WILL CONSIST OF
OUTLOOKS WITH LEAD TIMES FROM 0.5 MONTHS TO 12.5 MONTHS. FOR
EXAMPLE ON THE THIRD THURSDAY IN JULY THERE WILL BE L3MTO FOR
AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER...SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER...OCTOBER
THROUGH DECEMBER AND SO ON TO AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER OF THE
FOLLOWING YEAR.

AN L3MTO WILL PROVIDE THREE PROBABILITIES /IN PERCENT/:
PROBABILITY THAT A STATION/S 3-MONTH TEMPERATURE AVERAGE WILL BE
ABOVE NORMAL...NEAR NORMAL AND BELOW NORMAL IN REFERENCE TO THE
STATION/S 30-YEAR /1971-2000/ CLIMATOLOGICAL NORMAL.

FROM JULY 20 THROUGH AUGUST 20 2006...COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
FROM THE WEB SITE SHOWN ABOVE...VIA LINKS TO THE WFO AREA OF USER
INTEREST.

THE L3MTO IS PLANNED TO BECOME OFFICIAL ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21 IF THE EVALUATION AND COMMENTS DURING THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD ARE GENERALLY FAVORABLE. ANOTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY AUGUST 21 2006.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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