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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-25
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
754 AM EDT TUE JUN 27 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...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN HPC NON-TECHNICAL WINTER LOW TRACK WEB
GRAPHIC: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15 2006

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15 2006...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL MAKE THE NON-TECHNICAL
WINTER LOW TRACK WEB GRAPHIC OPERATIONAL.

NOTE: THIS PRODUCT IS ONLY TRANSMITTED ON THE WEB.

CONCURRENT WITH THE OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NON-
TECHNICAL WINTER LOW GRAPHIC ... THE NCEP HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL
PREDICTION CENTER /HPC/ WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING TWO CHANGES TO
THE PREVIOUSLY EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT:

1. THE INITIAL POSITION OF EXISTING LOWS AT 00 UTC OR 12 UTC
WILL BE DEPICTED BY A RED DOT /WITHOUT CIRCLES/.
2. THE YELLOW CIRCLES AROUND EACH FORECAST LOW POSITION WILL
REPRESENT A 75 PERCENT PROBABILITY THAT THE OBSERVED LOW WILL
BE WITHIN THE CIRCLE. THE PROBABILITY IS DERIVED FROM THE
PREVIOUS SEASONS VERIFICATION DATA. DURING THE LAST WINTER
WEATHER SEASON... THE YELLOW CIRCLES REPRESENTED THE AVERAGE
HISTORICAL ERROR IN LOW TRACK POSITION AT A GIVEN VALID TIME
...E.G. H+12 HOURS... H+24 HOURS.

USERS CAN FIND THE EXISTING LOW TRACK GRAPHIC AT /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.HPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/WWD/LOWTRACK_PUBLIC.GIF](http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/lowtrack_public.gif)

A SAMPLE OF THE REVISED PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.HPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/WWD/WWDCHANGES20062007/NEW_LOWTRACK
_PUBLIC.GIF](http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wwdchanges20062007/new_lowtrack_public.gif)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CHANGE ...PLEASE CONTACT:

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THIS AND OTHER NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER
CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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