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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-37...AMENDED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1115 AM EST DEC 1 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

FROM: ELI JACKS  
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SUBJECT: AMENDED: EXPERIMENTAL WEB-BASED WEATHER ACTIVITY  
PLANNER: EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7 2006

AMENDED TO CHANGE THE WEB-BASED INTERFACE NAME FROM WEATHER SAFETY  
PLANNER /WSP/ TO WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER /WAP/. THE WEATHER  
ACTIVITY PLANNER NAME REFLECTS THE FULL UTILITY OF THIS WEB-BASED  
INTERFACE. PLEASE NOTE THE URL FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS HAS ALSO  
BEEN AMENDED TO REFLECT THIS NAME CHANGE.

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 2006 AT 1800 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED  
TIME /UTC/...100 PM EST...THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC  
ADMINISTRATION /NOAA/ NWS WILL MAKE AVAILABLE AN EXPERIMENTAL  
WEB-BASED INTERFACE ENTITLED WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER /WAP/.

THE WAP IS AN EASY TO USE INTERFACE THAT PERMITS PUBLIC ACCESS  
TO NWS DIGITAL FORECAST INFORMATION. THE WEB PAGE INTERFACE  
ALLOWS AN INDIVIDUAL TO ENTER A RANGE OF VALUES FOR SPECIFIC  
WEATHER PARAMETERS AND OBTAIN A FORECAST FOR THE DEFINED AREA OF  
INTEREST. THE INPUT IS FORECAST DATA DIRECTLY PULLED FROM THE  
LOCAL WFO DIGITAL FORECAST DATABASE. THE RESULTING DATA IS  
PRESENTED IN A GRAPH AND REPRESENTS AVERAGE CONDITIONS FOR A  
5 KILOMETER GRID BOX NEAREST TO THE USER-SELECTED LATITUDE/  
LONGITUDE POINT. THE GRAPH COVERS THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS. THE TOOL  
HELPS SATISFY E-GOV INITIATIVES BY PROVIDING AN AVENUE TO OBTAIN  
GOVERNMENT PROVIDED WEATHER DATA.

THE INTENDED AUDIENCE INCLUDES EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC WHO HAVE A NEED TO ASSESS FORECAST CONDITIONS FOR  
A DEFINED SET OF PARAMETERS AND ASSOCIATED THRESHOLDS AT A  
SPECIFIC LOCATION OF INTEREST.

THE EXPERIMENTAL WAP WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING  
NINE /9/ WFO WEBSITES ACROSS THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND  
HAWAII /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

WFO CHARLESTON WV: [HTTP://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/RLX/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/rlx/)  
WFO UPTON/NEW YORK CITY NY: [HTTP://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/OKX/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/okx/)

WFO RAPID CITY SD: HTTP://WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/UNR/  
WFO PUEBLO CO: HTTP://WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/PUB/  
WFO MORRISTOWN TN: HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/MRX/  
WFO AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO TX: HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/EWX/  
WFO TUCSON AZ: HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/TWC/  
WFO BOISE ID: HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/BOI/  
WFO HONOLULU HI: HTTP://WWW.PRH.NOAA.GOV/PR/HNL/

THE WAP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK FOR THE 90 DAY PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 7 2006 THROUGH MARCH 7 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NWS INSTRUCTION 10-102...NEW OR ENHANCED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES...SECTION 6.3. COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK MAY BE PROVIDED ONLINE BY CLICKING ON THE WAP INTERFACE COMMENT/FEEDBACK LINK OR VIA THE FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=WXACTPLAN](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=wxactplan)

THE WAP WILL REMAIN EXPERIMENTAL UNTIL ALL FEEDBACK HAS BEEN ASSESSED AND A TECHNICAL ANALYSIS COMPLETED. AT THAT TIME NWS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TO TRANSITION THE EXPERIMENTAL WAP TO OPERATIONAL STATUS...DISCONTINUE THE SERVICE...OR REVISE AND RETAIN THE WAP AS AN EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE FOR A REDEFINED PERIOD OF REVIEW. IF A DECISION IS MADE TO MAKE THE WAP OPERATIONAL...NWS WILL USE A STANDARD WAP AT ALL WFOS...REPLACING ANY SIMILAR EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS.

MORE DETAILS REGARDING THE WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER WILL BE ISSUED IN A PRODUCT/SERVICE DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT /PDD/ BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD. THE PDD WILL BE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://PRODUCTS.WEATHER.GOV/VIEWLISTE.PHP](http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php)

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PLEASE CONTACT:

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THIS AND ALL OTHER NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE 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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