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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-56
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
740 AM EST WED NOV 21 2007

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/ PARTNERS AND USERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: ELI JACKS
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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF A RECREATIONAL FORECAST AT THE
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE AT HANFORD CALIFORNIA:
EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2 2008

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/ THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ AT
HANFORD CALIFORNIA /HNX/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING A RECREATIONAL
FORECAST /REC/ FOR THE NATIONAL PARKS WITHIN ITS AREA OF FORECAST
RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE ABOVE DATE THE FOLLOWING FORECAST PRODUCT
WILL BE ISSUED TWICE DAILY /MORE FREQUENTLY AS NEEDED/ BY WFO SAN
JOAQUIN VALLEY.

PRODUCT NAME WMO HEADING AWIPS IDENTIFIER

RECREATIONAL FORECAST SXUS45 KHNX RECHNX

PERTINENT PERSONNEL/OFFICES/AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THESE
COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO
RECEIVE THESE NWS PRODUCTS.

THE RECREATIONAL FORECAST /REC/ WILL PROVIDE A DETAILED WEATHER
FORECAST IN TWO SEGMENTS: THE FIRST SEGMENT FOR YOSEMITE NATIONAL
PARK AND THE SECOND SEGMENT FOR THE COMBINED MANAGEMENT AREA OF
SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS.

EACH SEGMENT WILL CONTAIN DAY AND NIGHT PERIODS FOR THE 7 DAY
FORECAST PERIOD. THE FOLLOWING WEATHER ELEMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED:
TEMPERATURE...SKY COVER AND WEATHER...AND SIGNIFICANT WINDS.
AFTER THE 7 DAY FORECAST THERE WILL BE POINT FORECASTS FOR
YOSEMITE VALLEY IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK AND FOR SEQUOIA SOUTH
ENTRANCE AND LODGEPOLE IN SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL
PARKS. RELEVANT ZONE NUMBERS WILL BE USED AND EACH FORECAST WILL
CONTAIN A PRODUCT EXPIRATION TIME. ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS AND POINT
FORECASTS MAY BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS
POLICY /NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL

ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS APPROVED BECAUSE THIS CHANGE IS AN
ADDITIONAL SERVICE FOR THE 2007-2008 WINTER SEASON THAT WILL NOT
NEGATIVELY IMPACT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CUSTOMERS NOR THE GENERAL
PUBLIC. ONLY MINIMAL CHANGES TO SOFTWARE WILL BE NECESSARY.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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