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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-30 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 755 AM EDT THU APR 17 2008

- TO: SUBSCRIBERS: -FAMILY OF SERVICES -NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE -EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK -NOAAPORT OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: ELI JACKS CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF TRACKING INFORMATION LINE /TIME...MOT...LOC/ FROM FLASH FLOOD AND AREAL FLOOD PRODUCTS: EFFECTIVE JULY 1 2008

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY JULY 1 2008 AT 1400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL REMOVE THE TRACKING INFORMATION LINE /TIME...MOT...LOC/ FROM THE FOLLOWING FLASH FLOOD AND AREAL FLOOD WARNINGS AND STATEMENTS:

FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS /FFW/ CONVECTIVE FLASH FLOOD STATEMENTS /FFS/ CONVECTIVE AREAL FLOOD WARNINGS /FLW/ AREAL FLOOD ADVISORIES AND AREAL FLOOD STATEMENTS /FLS/

NWS WILL NO LONGER APPEND THE TRACKING INFORMATION LINE THAT BEGINS WITH THE 16 CHARACTER STRING TIME...MOT...LOC TO THESE FLASH FLOOD AND AREAL FLOOD WARNINGS AND STATEMENTS BECAUSE STORM TRACKING INFORMATION MAY INCORRECTLY IDENTIFY HOW AND WHERE FLOODING WILL PROGRESS OVER TIME.

THE TRACKING LINE WILL BE REMOVED ON JULY 1 2008 AT 1400 UTC UNLESS ADVERSE WEATHER IS AFFECTING AN NWS WFO/S COUNTY WARNING AREA...IN WHICH CASE...THE WFO WILL IMPLEMENT THE CHANGE AT A MORE SUITABLE TIME.

TORNADO /TOR/...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM /SVR/...SPECIAL MARINE /SMW/ AND EXTREME WIND /EWW/ WARNINGS AND STATEMENTS /SVS AND MWS/ WILL CONTINUE TO INCLUDE THE TRACKING INFORMATION PER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 07-23: NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TRACKING LINE ON SHORT DURATION WARNINGS AND STATEMENTS BEGINNING JULY 16 2007. SCN 07-23 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN07-23TRCKG WRNG.PDF

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS...WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ PRODUCT HEADINGS OR PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES.

THIS CHANGE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT UPDATE TO NWS INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-922...WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE HYDROLOGIC PRODUCTS SPECIFICATION...AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01009022CURR.PDF

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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