

NOUS41 KWBC 211720
PNSWSH

SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-47
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
120 PM EDT MON JUL 21 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: ELI JACKS
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF A RECREATIONAL FORECAST AT
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN MIDLAND/ODESSA TEXAS
EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1 2008

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1 AT 1100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/ THE MIDLAND/ODESSA /MAF/ TEXAS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE
/WFO/ 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 MIDLAND/ODESSA.

PRODUCT NAME WMO HEADING AWIPS IDENTIFIER

RECREATIONAL FORECAST SXUS44 KMAF RECMAF

PERTINENT PERSONNEL/OFFICES/AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THIS
COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIER TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO
RECEIVE THIS NWS PRODUCT.

THE REC WILL PROVIDE A DETAILED WEATHER FORECAST IN THREE
SEGMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

-BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK
-CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK
-GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK.

EACH SEGMENT WILL CONTAIN DAY AND NIGHT PERIODS FOR THE 7 DAY
FORECAST PERIOD. WEATHER ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED ARE:
TEMPERATURE...SKY COVER AND WEATHER...AND SIGNIFICANT WINDS.
AFTER THE 7 DAY FORECAST... THERE WILL BE POINT FORECASTS FOR:

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK VISITORS CENTER... CASTOLON...CHISOS
BASIN... PERSIMMON GAP...RIO GRANDE VILLAGE /BIG BEND
NATIONAL PARK/

CARLSBAD CAVERNS VISITORS CENTER /CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL
PARK/

GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS VISITORS CENTER...DOG CANYON RANGER
STATION...AND MCKITTRICK CANYON TRAILHEAD /GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS
NATIONAL PARK/.

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.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

RAYMOND R. FAGEN
METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE
2500 CHALLENGER DRIVE
MIDLAND TX 79706
PHONE 432-563-5006
EMAIL RAYMOND.FAGEN@NOAA.GOV

NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm)

\$\$
NNNN