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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-62  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1000 AM EST MON NOV 17 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
-FAMILY OF SERVICES  
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE  
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: AHSHA N. TRIBBLE  
CHIEF...CLIMATE SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: GLOBAL TROPICS HAZARDS/BENEFITS ASSESSMENT TO BECOME  
OFFICIAL ON MONDAY DECEMBER 22 2008

RE: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-58 ISSUED DECEMBER 12 2007

EFFECTIVE MONDAY DECEMBER 22 2008...THE GLOBAL TROPICS  
HAZARDS/BENEFITS ASSESSMENT WILL BE BECOME OFFICIAL. IT WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED BY THE NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/  
EACH MONDAY AT 400 PM EST /OR 2100 UTC/ ON THE WEB AT  
/USE LOWERCASE EXCEPT CW/:

[WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/PRECIP/CWLINK/GHAZARDS/GHAZ.SHTML](http://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/PRECIP/CWLINK/GHAZARDS/GHAZ.SHTML)

THE EXPERIMENTAL ISSUANCES WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED EACH MONDAY  
THROUGH DECEMBER 15 2008 AT THE WEBSITE ABOVE.

CPC THANKS ALL WHO PROVIDED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM DECEMBER 17 2007  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 3 2008 ON THE EXPERIMENTAL ISSUANCES. THE  
COMMENTS WERE CONSIDERED IN THE FINAL PRODUCT DESIGN FOR UPCOMING  
OFFICIAL ISSUANCES. COMMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED FROM  
THE WEBSITE SHOWN BELOW AND WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PERIODIC  
WEBSITE REVIEWS FOR POSSIBLE REVISIONS. /USE LOWERCASE EXCEPT  
CW AND NWS/

[HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/PRECIP/CWLINK/GHAZARDS/NWS-FEEDBACK-FORM.HTML](http://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/PRECIP/CWLINK/GHAZARDS/NWS-FEEDBACK-FORM.HTML)

THE GLOBAL TROPICS HAZARDS/BENEFITS ASSESSMENT WILL PROVIDE AN  
OUTLOOK FOR TWO COMPONENTS DURING THE UPCOMING WEEK 1 AND WEEK 2  
PERIOD:

- AREAS EXPECTING EXTENSIVE AND PERSISTENT ENHANCED/  
SUPPRESSED RAINFALL
  
- REGIONS WHERE CONDITIONS ARE ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE/  
UNFAVORABLE FOR TROPICAL CYCLOGENESIS

THE PRODUCT WILL EMPHASIZE IMPACTS ACROSS THE GLOBAL TROPICS ONLY. IT WILL SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR NWS FORECASTERS MONITORING TROPICAL CONVECTION AND TROPICAL CYCLONE POTENTIAL AND FOR THOSE WITH SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THESE AREAS.

THE WEBSITE CONTAINS A TABLE OF TWO IMAGES FOR WEEK 1 AND WEEK 2 OUTLOOKS. EACH IMAGE ILLUSTRATES NUMBERED TROPICAL HAZARDS AND BENEFITS WITH A TEXT DESCRIPTION BELOW THE MAP EXPLAINING THE NATURE AND RATIONALE FOR THE HIGHLIGHTED REGION. IMAGES CAN BE MADE LARGER BY CLICKING ON THE HEADING LABELS.

THE ENTIRE PRODUCT /BOTH MAPS AND COVER PAGE IN PDF FORMAT/ AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL BASIS AND RATIONALE FOR THE OUTLOOKS IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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