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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-64  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
945 AM EST WED DEC 17 2008

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

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR PRODUCT TYPE FOR  
FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING PRODUCTS EFFECTIVE  
WITH AWIPS SOFTWARE OPERATIONAL BUILD 9

EFFECTIVE WHEN EACH NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ INSTALLS  
ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ SOFTWARE  
OPERATIONAL BUILD /OB/ 9...THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR /MND/  
PRODUCT TYPE LINE FOR FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING  
PRODUCTS /RFW/ WILL CHANGE FROM EITHER:

FIRE WEATHER WATCH  
OR  
RED FLAG WARNING  
TO  
URGENT - FIRE WEATHER MESSAGE

NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF AWIPS SOFTWARE OB 9 SHOULD BEGIN ON OR  
ABOUT FEBRUARY 9 2009 AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON OR ABOUT  
MAY 15 2009.

THE ABOVE CHANGE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT UPDATE TO NWS  
INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-401...FIRE WEATHER SERVICES PRODUCT  
SPECIFICATION.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT:

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NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

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