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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-03 AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
233 PM EST WED FEB 18 2009

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

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SUBJECT: AMENDED TO CHANGE DATE - ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMENT
PERIOD FOR RIDGE RADAR VERSION 2 BETA DISPLAYS
EFFECTIVE MARCH 04 2009

NWS HAS CHANGED THE RIDGE RADAR VERSION 2 SERVICE
IMPLEMENTATION DATE TO MARCH 4 2009 AT 18Z UTC. DUE TO
SEVERE WEATHER...RIDGE VERSION 2 IMPLEMENTATION HAS BEEN
CHANGED FROM FEBRUARY 18 2009 TO MARCH 04 2009. THIS CHANGE
IS BEING MADE TO ENSURE A STABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE NWS
INTERNET SERVICES.

ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 4 2009 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/
OPERATIONAL NWS RADAR WEB DISPLAYS WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL LINK
ADDED TO PROPOSED VERSION 2 OF THE RIDGE RADAR. RIDGE VERSION 2
IS PROPOSED TO REPLACE THE CURRENT NWS RADAR WEB DISPLAYS. IF
MARCH 4 2009 IS DECLARED A CRITICAL WEATHER DAY... THE
IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE ON MARCH 11 2009.

THE RIDGE VERSION 2 BETA WILL DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT RIDGE BY
USING A NATIONAL MOSAIC AS THE PRIMARY PAGE WITH USER SELECTABLE
VIEWS/WARNINGS. A THIRD PARTY WILL PROVIDE UNLYING MAPS. LOW
BANDWIDTH PAGES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

THE COMMENT PERIOD ENDS MAY 27 2009. NWS IS PROPOSING TO
REPLACE THE CURRENT PAGES ON JUNE 3 2009. IF JUNE 3 2009 IS
DECLARED A CRITICAL WEATHER DAY... THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION
DATE WILL BE JUNE 10 2009.

THE BETA PAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE
ON FEBRUARY 18 2009 /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/RIDGE2](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ridge2)

ON JUNE 03 2009 THESE PAGES WILL REPLACE THE FOLLOWING
OPERATIONAL WEBSITE /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://RADAR.WEATHER.GOV](http://RADAR.WEATHER.GOV)

AT THAT TIME THE BETA URL WILL BE DISCONTINUED. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ARCHIVED DATA WILL BE PROVIDED VIA THE HELP LINK ON THE RIDGE PAGES.

THE BETA PAGES WILL DISPLAY STORM BASED WARNINGS /IF THEY ARE IN EFFECT/ AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALL NWS WATCH/WARNING PRODUCTS.

COMMENTS WILL BE ANALYZED THROUGH OUT THE PERIOD TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN THE CURRENT RADAR PAGES AND THE PROPOSED PAGES. CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO THE BETA PAGES DURING THIS PERIOD BASED ON USER COMMENTS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM)

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