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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-03 AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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SUBJECT: AMENDED TO EXTEND RIDGE RADAR VERSION 2 EXPERIMENTAL
PERIOD TO OCTOBER 1 2009

NWS IS EXTENDING THE RIDGE RADAR VERSION 2 EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD TO OCTOBER 1 2009. HIGH DEMAND DURING THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD OF THE RIDGE 2 RADAR DISPLAYS HAS ALLOWED NWS TO TEST DIFFERENT SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS FOR PROVIDING THESE DISPLAYS DURING PERIODS OF HIGH SYSTEM LOADS. NWS HAS ELECTED TO TEST ADDITIONAL CONFIGURATIONS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVECTIVE WEATHER SEASON AND INTO THE HURRICANE SEASON BY EXTENDING THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD TO OCTOBER 1 2009.

THE RIDGE VERSION 2 BETA DIFFERS FROM THE CURRENT RIDGE DISPLAYS BY USING A NATIONAL MOSAIC AS THE PRIMARY PAGE WITH USER SELECTABLE VIEWS/WARNINGS AND OVERLAYS. A THIRD PARTY PROVIDES UNLYING MAPS. LOW BANDWIDTH PAGES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

THE COMMENT PERIOD WILL RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 1 2009. NWS PROPOSES REPLACING THE CURRENT PAGES IN OCTOBER. THE BETA PAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

[HTTP://RADAR.SRH.NOAA.GOV](http://RADAR.SRH.NOAA.GOV)

IN NOVEMBER 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 THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN THE CURRENT RADAR PAGES AND THE PROPOSED NEW 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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