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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-03
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
320 PM EST MON FEB 2 2009

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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR RIDGE RADAR VERSION 2
BETA DISPLAYS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18 2009

ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18 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 FEBRUARY 18
2009 IS DECLARED A CRITICAL WEATHER DAY... THE IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE ON
FEBRUARY 25 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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