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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-05 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 820 AM EST THU FEB 12 2009

- TO: SUBSCRIBERS: -FAMILY OF SERVICES -NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE -EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK -NOAAPORT OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: ELI JACKS CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: TRANSITION FROM EXPERIMENTAL TO OPERATIONAL STATUS OF NWS WARNINGS USING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2009

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY APRIL 1 2009...NWS WILL TRANSITION WARNINGS USING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS /GIS/ FROM EXPERIMENTAL TO OPERATIONAL STATUS.

ALL NWS SHORT FUSED WEATHER WARNINGS FOR CONUS...ALASKA...HAWAII AND PUERTO RICO ARE STORED IN A REAL-TIME DATABASE FROM WHICH GIS SHAPEFILES ARE CREATED. IN ADDITION...UPDATED GRAPHICS ARE CREATED THAT DISPLAY THEIR CURRENT AND RECENT STATUS.

THE GIS SHAPEFILES AND GRAPHICS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/REGSCI/GIS/

A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THIS SERVICE CAN BE FOUND IN THE PRODUCT DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT /PDD/ AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://PRODUCTS.WEATHER.GOV

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...PLEASE CONTACT:

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HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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