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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-10
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SUBJECT: FORMAT CHANGE TO THE MONTHLY TROPICAL WEATHER
SUMMARY PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009...THE TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY /TWS/
PRODUCT...PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR THE
PRECEDING MONTH IN THE HURRICANE SEASON...WILL CHANGE FROM A
NARRATIVE TO A MAINLY TABULAR FORMAT.

BELOW ARE THE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS FOR THE AFFECTED
PRODUCTS:

HURRICANE BASIN	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING
ATLANTIC	ABNT30 KNHC	TWSAT
EASTERN PACIFIC	APBZ30 KNHC	TWSEP
CENTRAL PACIFIC	ACPN60 PHFO	TWSCP

THE TWS HAS TRADITIONALLY CONTAINED A NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE
LIFE CYCLE OF EACH TROPICAL CYLONE OCCURRING DURING THE
PRECEDING MONTH FOR USERS WITH HISTORICAL OR CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA
NEEDS. BECAUSE POST-STORM ANALYSIS IS RARELY COMPLETE BY THE END
OF THE MONTH...TWS PRODUCTS CAN USUALLY ONLY PROVIDE WEATHER
INFORMATION ALREADY CONTAINED IN REAL-TIME OPERATIONAL PRODUCTS.
ACCURATE INFORMATION ON IMPACTS IS ALSO GENERALLY UNAVAILABLE AT
THE NORMAL TWS ISSUANCE TIMES.

THEREFORE BEGINNING IN 2009 THE TWS WILL GENERALLY BE LIMITED TO
A TABLE OF BASIC METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...SUCH AS THE DATES
OF OCCURRENCE AND ESTIMATED PEAK INTENSITY...FOR ALL OF THE
SEASON/S TROPICAL CYCLONES TO DATE. NARRATIVE SUMMARIES FOR
INDIVIDUAL CYCLONES WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED...ALTHOUGH BRIEF
DESCRIPTIONS FOR RECORDS OF INTEREST MAY BE PROVIDED.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE TWS PRODUCT FOR 2009 IS PROVIDED ONLINE AT
/USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/TWS_EXAMPLE.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/tws_example.shtml)

USERS REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON EACH TROPICAL CYCLONE...INCLUDING SYNOPTIC HISTORY...METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES...AND THE POST-ANALYSIS BEST TRACK /SIX-HOURLY POSITIONS AND INTENSITIES/...ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT THE END OF SEASON TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS:

TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/2008ATLAN.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/2008atlan.shtml)

TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/2008EPAC.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/2008epac.shtml)

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/CPHC/SUMMARIES](http://www.weather.gov/cphc/summaries)

THE NHC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH OF THE EQUATOR AND EAST OF 140 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE CPHC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH OF THE EQUATOR FROM 140 DEGREES WEST TO 180 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

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