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Subject: Discontinuance of Experimental Extreme Cold Warnings
Effective December 3, 2012

Effective Monday, December 3, 2012, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), experimental Extreme Cold Warnings (ECWs) will be discontinued by the NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) that were issuing them using the Non-Precipitation Weather Product (Table 1). Only the experimental ECW product will be discontinued. These WFOs will continue to issue all other NPW products.

Table 1

WFO	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
Rapid City, SD	WWUS73 KUNR	NPWUNR
Aberdeen, SD	WWUS73 KABR	NPWABR
Sioux Falls, SD	WWUS73 KFSD	NPWFSD
Bismarck, ND	WWUS73 KBIS	NPWBIS
Eastern ND/Grand Forks, ND	WWUS73 KFGF	NPWFGF
Minneapolis, MN	WWUS73 KMPX	NPWMPX
Duluth, MN	WWUS73 KDLH	NPWDLH
Little Rock, AR	WWUS73 KLZK	NPWLZK.

Since January 18, 2011, the NWS has been evaluating the usefulness of the ECW product:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/scn11-42extreme_coldccb.htm

Due to a lack of events over the past two cold weather seasons and because other projects are taking shape which will incorporate the issues this experiment was to address, it was decided to end the experiment.

Partners and users of the discontinued experimental ECW listed in Table 1 can receive Wind Chill Watches, Warnings and Advisories

via the Winter Storm Warning (WSW) product using NWS Valid-Time Event Codes (VTEC) WC.A, WC.W and WC.Y, respectively.

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