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SUBJECT: Use of Mixed Case Text in Select RiverPro Products
at All Weather Forecast Offices Effective on or
about January 28, 2015

Effective on or about Wednesday, January 28, 2015, the NWS will operationally implement select mixed case text RiverPro products at all NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs).

The following RiverPro products will be issued in mixed case text:

ESF - Hydrologic Outlook (if using RiverPro)
FFA - Flood Watch for Forecast Points (NOT the GHG Areal Flood Watch)
FLW - Flood Warning for Forecast Points (NOT the WarnGen Areal Flood Warning)
FLS - Flood Statement - Follow-up to Flood Warning for Forecast Points (NOT the WarnGen Flood Statement - Follow-up to Areal Flood Warning)
FLS - Flood Statement - Flood Advisory for Forecast Points (NOT the WarnGen Flood Statement - Areal Advisories)
RVS - Hydrologic Statement (if using RiverPro)
RVA - Hydrologic Summary (if using RiverPro)
RVD - River and Lake Forecast Product (if using RiverPro)
HYx - Hydrometeorological Data Summary Products (if using RiverPro) (where "x" is either "D," "W" or "M")
RTP - Maximum/Minimum Temperature and Precipitation Table
AGO - Agricultural Observations

This is a continuation of the risk-reduction effort began in August 2010. At that time, NWS began issuing national Public Information Statement (PNS) products using mixed case text and the expanded punctuation/character set:

http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/scn10-28mixed_case.txt

In October 2011, select WFOs began issuing the Area Forecast Discussion (AFD), Regional Weather Summary (RWS) and PNS products in the mixed case text format:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/pns11mixedcase.txt>

NWS partners and users of these WFO text products are encouraged to consider NWS intent and comment regarding this next step in the risk reduction effort. User feedback will help the NWS better plan the eventual transition of all NWS text products to mixed case and the expanded character set.

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=mixed-case>

Mixed case text guidelines are online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/public/mixed-case.docx>

The NWS is working to minimize the impact of this transition on NWS users and will issue additional notices and statements as updated user information is available.

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