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Subject: NWS to operationally implement enhanced format for Fire
Weather Planning Forecasts (FWF) beginning May 14, 2015,
at three additional Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs)

Effective May 14, 2015, at 0600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC),
WFOs Albuquerque, NM, and El Paso and Midland, TX, will
operationally implement a new bullet style format for the Fire
Weather Planning Forecast (FWF), joining six other Western Region
WFOs. The proposed change uses left justified asterisks to begin
each new line of text. This format allows word wrapping and
indentations in the AWIPS fire weather forecast text editor,
thereby reducing forecaster edit time and increasing
dissemination efficiency.

After May 14, 2015, the following NWS WFOs will be providing the
new FWF format:

Western Region: WFOs Seattle and Spokane, WA; Medford, Pendleton
and Portland, OR; and Reno, NV.

Southern Region: WFOs Albuquerque, NM, and El Paso and Midland,
TX.

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