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Subject: Updated: Phase 3 Mixed-Case Text and Expanded 95
 Character ASCII Character Set Use in NWS Text
 Products: Effective February 7, 2017

Updated to change effective date to February 7, 2017.

Effective Tuesday, February 7, 2017, the NWS will continue its transition of text products to a mixed-case text format/expanded 95 ASCII character set at all Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) with the following text products:

Product Name	AWIPS ID*
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Areal Flood Watch	FFAXXX
Winter Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories	WSWXXX
Non-Precipitation Weather Watches, Warnings, and Advisories	NPWXXX
Site-specific (Spot) Forecast	FWSXXX
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FWFXXX
Fire Weather Watch / Red Flag Warning	RFWXXX
Recreation Forecast	RECXXX
Short Term Forecast	NOWXXX
Hazardous Weather outlook	HWOXXX
Air Quality Alert Message	AQAXXX
Special Weather Statement	SPSXXX
Zone Forecast Product	ZFPXXX
Alarm/Alert Administrative Message	ADAXXX
Alert Administrative Message	ADMXXX
Airport Weather Warning	AWWXXX
Forecast Evapotranspiration Product	ETTXXX
Smoke Management Forecast	SMFXXX
Tabular State Forecast	SFTXXX
Area Forecast Matrix	AFMXXX
Point Forecast Matrix	PFMXXX
Fire Weather Point Forecast Matrices	PFWXXX
Drought Information Statement	DGTXXX

Flood Potential Outlook ESFXXX
Snow Avalanche Guidance SAGXXX

NOT INCLUDE at this time pending mariner community coordination:

Marine Weather Statement MWSXXX
Coastal / Lakeshore / Hazard
 Message CFWXXX
Marine Weather Warning MWWXXX
Open Lake Forecast GLFXXX
Coastal Waters Forecast CWFXXX
Nearshore Marine Forecast NSHXXX

* XXX is the WFO Three-Letter ID

Samples of Watch, Warning and Advisory products are online in a compressed file readable by standard decompression software:

<http://www.weather.gov/om/pns/phase3.zip>

and in a Word document:

<http://www.weather.gov/om/pns/phase3.docx>

None of the sample products shown were actually issued; these products are shown for sample formatting purposes only. If weather conditions prevent any WFO from making this change on February 7, 2017, the change to the mixed-case text format will occur on the next suitable day.

This third phase roll-out of the mixed-case text format was preceded by an initial phase that included mixed-case text for the Area Forecast Discussion (AFD), local Public Information Statement (PNS) and Regional Weather Summary (RWS) products on May 11, 2016, and a second phase of short duration Watch, Warning and Advisory products on December 6, 2016.

NWS will notify partners/users of future product implementations via Service Change Notices (SCN) with at least 30 days' lead time. These notices will include AWIPS product identifiers and actual effective dates.

Partners and users of NWS text products should modify their systems to accommodate mixed case and the expanded character set. This change will make text products easier to read and allow users to click on links directly rather than requiring conversion to lowercase or mixed case.

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