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Subject: Use of Mixed-Case Text/95 ASCII Character Set in Selected NWS
Weather Prediction Center Forecast Discussion Products: Effective July 24,
2018

Effective Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC), the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather
Prediction Center (WPC) will continue its transition of text products to a
mixed-case text/95 American Standard Code for Information Interchange
(ASCII) character set format. This phase of the transition will apply to
select products issued by WPC.

The following text products will be transitioned:

AWIPS ID	WMO ID	Product Name
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FFGMPPD	AWUS01-KWNH	Mesoscale Precipitation Discussion
SCCNS[1-5]	ACUS[41-45] KWBC	Storm Summary Discussions

This expansion in the number of available mixed-case text products is a
continuation of the NWS transition to the use of mixed-case letters. Use
of mixed-case letters in text products makes them easier to read and allow
users to click on links directly rather than converting them to lower or
mixed-case. Partners and users of WPC text products should modify their
systems to accommodate mixed-case and the expanded character set.

Examples of WPC products already converted to mixed-case are online for
sample formatting purposes:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/hpcdiscussions.php?disc=pmdspd>
<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/hpcdiscussions.php?disc=pmdhi>

If a Critical Weather Day (CWD) prevents this change on July 24, 2018, the
mixed-case text format change will take effect on the next non-CWD day.

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive>

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