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Subject: WPC Experimental National Forecast Chart will become Operational on Thursday, March 28, 2019

Effective on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 500 PM EDT, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will implement operationally the National Forecast Chart. This implementation follows an extensive experimental phase. The new chart features include the following:

- Cleaner and easier to read map display of daily weather features and hazardous weather forecasts for each of the next 3 days
- Link to a web-based interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map allowing the user to zoom and click weather features and forecasts on and off

More details of the new chart are available at: https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_Ntl_Fcst_Chart_Upgrade.pdf

The new GIS interactive display is available here: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/map.php

Static maps to replace the existing maps are available through a web portal here: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/index.php

Or individually at:
https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/day1.png
https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/day2.png
https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/staticmaps/day3.png

These changes have been informed by stakeholder feedback and help improve the clarity of the information.
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