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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...TECHNICAL IMPLEMTATION NOTICE 03-42
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO FAMILY SERVICE /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER WIRE
SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
/NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT UPDATE...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE EXPERIMENTAL
NATIONAL DIGITAL FORECAST DATA BASE /NDFD/ COMMENT
PERIOD EXTENDED

REFERENCE TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 02-31...FIRST
DISTRIBUTED OCTOBER 28 2002

THE NATIONAL DIGITAL FORECAST DATA BASE /NDFD/ GRIDDED ELEMENTS
WILL CONTINUE THEIR EXPERIMENTAL STATUS THROUGH AT LEAST
DECEMBER 1 2003. THESE FILES CAN BE ACCESSED AT THE FOLLOWING
URL...

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/sl.us008001/st.expr/df.gr2/dc.ndfd/ar.conus/>

DATA FROM THE NDFD ARE PROVIDED IN VERSION 2 GRIB /GRIDDED
BINARY/ FORMAT.

FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS...

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE
MINIMUM TEMPERATURE
PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION /POP12/
WEATHER
SKY COVER
WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED
SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHT

...THE COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 1 2003.
THE EVALUATION OF THESE ELEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED WHILE THEY
CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE AS EXPERIMENTAL. THE PROCESS...AND
DECISION WHETHER TO DECLARE THEM OFFICIAL...WILL BE COMPLETED NO
LATER THAN MARCH 31 2004.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF EXPERIMENTAL ELEMENTS...

TEMPERATURE
DEWPOINT
PRECIPITATION AMOUNT
SNOW AMOUNT

...THE COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 31 2004.
THE EVALUATION OF THESE ELEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED WHILE THEY
CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE AS EXPERIMENTAL. THE PROCESS...AND
DECISION WHETHER TO DECLARE THEM OFFICIAL...WILL BE COMPLETED NO
LATER THAN JUNE 30 2004.

MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE CONTENT OF THESE FILES AND FILE
TRANSFER PROTOCOL /FTP/ INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE URL
LISTED BELOW /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/...

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ndfd/technical/technical.htm>

YOUR FEEDBACK COMMENTS ON THE QUALITY AND USEFULNESS OF THESE
DIGITAL GRID PRODUCTS ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED. THEY WILL BE
CRITICAL IN DECIDING WHETHER THESE ELEMENTS BECOME OFFICIAL.
PLEASE E-MAIL COMMENTS TO...

nws.ndfd@noaa.gov

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE...PLEASE CONTACT...

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IF YOU HAVE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NDFD DATA...PLEASE
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NOTICES WEB PAGE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/...

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/datamgmt/notices.shtml>

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ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/...

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm>

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