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Subject: Updated: Extending the status of the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage and the Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic until a New NWS GIS viewer is Implemented at a Date to be Determined

Updated until to change effective date to a date to be determined.

The NWS is extending the experimental period for the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpages and Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphics. An NWS web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) viewer, currently under development, is planned to host an operational version of the products in the future. The webpages and graphics will remain in experimental status until the operational version of the GIS viewer is available.

The Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage is available at:

<https://www.weather.gov/beach>

This page hosts a national map that allows beach goers to click on an area of interest and easily see hazards and forecasts for beaches in that area. The national map has links to Experimental Beach Forecast Webpages of each NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) participating in the experiment (Table 1). Each WFO's Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage provides an Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic highlighting areas that have a moderate or high risk of dangerous rip currents, surf zone and beach forecasts for popular beaches within the office's forecast area, and other important beach/surf zone information such as:

- Daily outlooks for surf zone hazards including rip currents.
- Any advisories and/or statements alerting people of imminent or expected beach/surf zone hazards.
- Ultraviolet index information.
- Tide tables and predictions.

Each WFO's Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage may also contain other information such as local radar, water temperature and safety information.

Table 1: NWS offices providing the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage and the Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic

Participating WFO -----	Web Address -----
Boston/Taunton, MA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/box
Brownsville, TX	https://www.weather.gov/beach/bro
Buffalo, NY	https://www.weather.gov/beach/buf
Caribou, ME	https://www.weather.gov/beach/car
Charleston, SC	https://www.weather.gov/beach/chs
Chicago, IL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/lot
Cleveland, OH	https://www.weather.gov/beach/cle
Corpus Christi, TX	https://www.weather.gov/beach/crp
Detroit/Pontiac, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/dtx
Duluth, MN	https://www.weather.gov/beach/dlh
Gaylord, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/apx
Grand Rapids, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/grr
Gray/Portland, ME	https://www.weather.gov/beach/gyx
Green Bay, WI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/grb
Jacksonville, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/jax
Los Angeles, CA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/lox
Marquette, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mqt
Melbourne, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mlb
Miami, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mfl
Milwaukee/Sullivan, WI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mkx
Mobile, AL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mob
Morehead City/Newport, NC	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mhx
New York, NY	https://www.weather.gov/beach/okx
Northern Indiana	https://www.weather.gov/beach/iwx
Philadelphia/Mount Holly, NJ	https://www.weather.gov/beach/phi
San Diego, CA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/sgx
Tallahassee, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/tae
Tampa Bay Area, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/tbw
Wakefield, VA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/akq
Wilmington, NC	https://www.weather.gov/beach/ilm

Other offices may be added as resources permit.

For information on rip currents and other beach hazards safety and awareness, please refer to the following website:

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent>

The Product Description Document (PDD) for the Experimental Beach Forecast webpage can be accessed from:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_BeachForecastWebPage_2020.pdf

The PDD for the Rip Current Risk Graphic can be accessed from:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_RipCurrentRiskGraphic_2020.pdf

Once an operationally supported version of the Experimental Beach Forecast webpage and Rip Current Risk Graphic is available through NWS's GIS

viewer, a Service Change Notice will be disseminated announcing this operational implementation.

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