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Subject: Addition of Snow Squall to SPC Mesoscale Discussions (CONUS
Only): Effective on or about December 16, 2019

Effective on or about Monday, December 16, 2019, the NWS Storm Prediction Center (SPC) will begin issuing snow squall-related Mesoscale Discussions (MD), for the continental U.S. (CONUS). This addition will not involve changes to World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Headers or Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) IDs.

Of the first three sections of the body of the SPC MD ("AREAS AFFECTED...", "CONCERNING...", and "VALID..."), only the "CONCERNING..." line will be affected by this change. The SPC will add "CONCERNING...Snow Squall" as a valid MD type. Current MD types for winter weather are Heavy Snow, Freezing Rain and Blizzard.

For Snow Squall-related MDs, the remainder of the MD will follow the existing format that includes a plain-language summary of the MD followed by the event-specific technical meteorological details.

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