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SUBJECT: CURRENTLY SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH JUNE 1 2007 ON A
PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE FORECAST TREND CATEGORIES FOR THE U.S. DROUGHT
OUTLOOK.

THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ IS SOLICITING COMMENTS THROUGH JUNE 1
2007 ON A PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE U.S. DROUGHT OUTLOOK. THE PROPOSED
CHANGE TO THE MAP KEY WOULD REDEFINE THE FORECAST TREND CATEGORIES AS
FOLLOWS:

INTENSIFY: A ONE CATEGORY OR GREATER DROUGHT CATEGORY INTENSIFICATION

PERSIST: NO DROUGHT CATEGORY CHANGE

DEVELOPMENT: A CHANGE FROM DROUGHT CATEGORY ZERO /D0/ TO AT LEAST D1

IMPROVEMENT: ONE CATEGORY OR GREATER DROUGHT CATEGORY IMPROVEMENT

THE CURRENT FORECAST TREND CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PERSIST/INTENSIFY: NO CATEGORY CHANGE OR ONE OR MORE DROUGHT CATEGORY
INTENSIFICATION

DEVELOPMENT: A CHANGE FROM DROUGHT CATEGORY ZERO /D0/ TO AT LEAST
D1

ONGOING BUT

SOME IMPROVEMENT: NO OBJECTIVE CRITERIA BUT APPLICABLE TO COMPLEX
SITUATIONS WHERE EXPECTED IMPROVEMENT MAY NOT RESULT
IN AN OVERALL ONE CATEGORY IMPROVEMENT IN THE DROUGHT
CATEGORY.

IMPROVEMENT: ONE DROUGHT CATEGORY OR GREATER IMPROVEMENT

FORECAST CATEGORY CHANGES ARE BASED ON CHANGES IN THE U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR
FROM INITIAL STATE TO THE END OF THE VALID PERIOD OF THE DROUGHT OUTLOOK.
IF NEEDED... FORECAST CHANGES IN CATEGORY WOULD BE APPROPRIATELY FLAGGED

ON THE MAP. SUCH CHANGES MAINLY APPLY TO AGRICULTURAL/SHORT TERM OR
HYDROLOGICAL/LONG TERM IMPACTS.

CPC FEELS THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD BETTER SERVE THE USER GROUPS.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WOULD BE AFFECTED IF THE CHANGE IS MADE:

GRAPHIC:

U.S. DROUGHT OUTLOOK /CONTIGUOUS U.S...ALASKA AND HAWAII/

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DROUGHT OUTLOOK LINK UNDER U.S. DROUGHT ASSESSMENT.

TEXT:

U.S. DROUGHT OUTLOOK DISCUSSION /CONTIGUOUS U.S...ALASKA AND HAWAII/.

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PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS BY JUNE 1 2007 REGARDING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE AT
THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

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