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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 250 PM EST THU FEB 15 2007

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: ROBERT E. LIVEZEY CHIEF...CLIMATE SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: CURRENTLY SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH MARCH 16 2007 ON PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE FOR THE U.S. SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK

THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ IS SOLICITING COMMENTS ON A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE FOR THE U.S. SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK. CURRENTLY...THIS OUTLOOK IS ISSUED ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:30 A.M. EASTERN TIME WITH A VALID PERIOD OF 3 1/2 MONTHS AFTER ISSUANCE.

THIS PROPOSAL WOULD CHANGE THE SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30 A.M. EASTERN TIME WITH A VALID TIME COVERING THE THREE CALENDAR MONTHS STARTING THE DAY OF ISSUANCE. THIS NEW SCHEDULED ISSUANCE TIME WOULD ALLOW BETTER USE OF THE UPDATED MONTHLY PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE OUTLOOKS ISSUED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE:

GRAPHIC:

U.S. SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK /CONTIGUOUS U.S...ALASKA AND HAWAII/: WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING - PMNV88 KWNC ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ ID - RBGDRK WEB /USE LOWER CASE/: HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV.

U.S. SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK LINK UNDER DROUGHT ASSESSMENT TEXT: U.S. SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK DISCUSSION /CONTIGUOUS U.S...ALASKA...AND HAWAII/: WMO HEADING - FXUS22 KWNC AWIPS ID - PMDDRK

PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS /ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 16 2007/ REGARDING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/COMMENT-FORM.HTML

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