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Subject: Extending Comment Period on Experimental Forecast of Reference
Evapotranspiration for Short Canopy Vegetation through May 31, 2013

NWS Forecast Offices in the western and central U.S. have been issuing experimental 7-day evapotranspiration forecasts on a seasonal basis. These forecasts will remain experimental through May 31, 2013. These forecasts graphically depict the expected evapotranspiration and departure from normal for each of the next seven days. A 7-day total and departure is also provided. At the end of the comment period, this product will be evaluated for national implementation.

The following Western Region offices are producing these forecasts:

Washington: Spokane
Oregon: Portland, Pendleton and Medford
Idaho: Pocatello and Boise
Montana: Great Falls, Missoula, Glasgow and Billings
California: Eureka, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, Los Angeles and San Diego
Nevada: Reno, Elko and Las Vegas
Utah: Salt Lake City
Arizona: Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson

The following NWS Central Region offices are producing these forecasts:

North Dakota: Grand Forks
South Dakota: Rapid City, Aberdeen and Sioux Falls

Examples of these forecasts are online at:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/forecast/evap/FRET/FRET.php?wfo=sto>
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fsd/?n=etforecasts>
http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fgf/climate/farm_info.php

These Web-based products are available for comment through May 31, 2013.
For Western Region, the web survey link is:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=RESCV>

For Central Region, the web survey link is:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=etf>

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