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Subject: Amended: Soliciting Comments until November 30, 2015, on Experimental Enhanced Format Red Flag Warnings (RFW)

Amended to extend comment date to November 30, 2015, and to add participating Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) Glasgow, MT, Boise and Pocatello, ID and Medford, OR.

NWS is accepting comments through November 30, 2015, on an experimental, bulleted Red Flag Warning (RFW):

## www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=expbulletedRFW

Starting Friday, November 1, 2013, at 0600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), five NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will issue an experimental bulleted RFW throughout the 2013-2014 fire weather season:

Billings, MT (BYZ), Western Region Glasgow, MT (GGW), Western Region Boise, ID (BOI), Western Region Pocatello, ID (PIH), Western Region Medford, OR (MFR), Western Region Albuquerque, NM (ABQ), Southern Region El Paso, TX (EPZ), Southern Region Midland/Odessa, TX (MAF), Southern Region Lubbock, TX (LUB)/Southern Region

The experimental RFW format moves the weather threat, reason for issuance and affected area from the main headline to several easy to read bullets immediately below the headline. Using this bullet format of the RFW, NWS can simplify the headline while still providing essential details about the threat. These changes will make the RFW easier to read and understand.

An example of the experimental bulleted RFW and the Product Description Document (PDD) are available online at:

http://products.weather.gov/PDD/Enhanced%20RFW%20Bullet%20Format%20-%20National%20PDD 9 13.pdf

At the end of the comment period, NWS will review comments to determine if this product should be made available nationwide.

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