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Subject: Updated: Soliciting Comments until April 30, 2018, on the Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index from NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Baltimore/Washington, DC

Updated to extend the comment period to April 30, 2018.

WFO Baltimore, MD/Washington, DC, is soliciting comments on the Experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index through April 30, 2018. The purpose of this experimental product is to graphically display the location and level of potential winter storm threats in the extended portion of the forecast 3-7 days in the future. This threat level will combine winter precipitation probabilities and potential impact.

The experiment continues to receive positive feedback since it began two winters ago.

The experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index graphic also builds upon data generated by experimental Winter Weather Outlooks produced by the NWS Weather Prediction Center (WPC).

The experimental Days 3-7 Winter Storm Threat Index will be posted on the NWS Baltimore/Washington winter webpage at:

http://www.weather.gov/lwx/winter

WFO Baltimore/Washington will issue this experimental product at least twice daily at 0900 and 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and as needed. No communication system changes are required to receive this information.

Additional information and an example of the experimental product are provided at the link below:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/LWXDays3-7PDD.pdf

Comments may be submitted via the survey link below. The link will also be provided on the NWS Baltimore/Washington winter webpage:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=DAY3 7 WST

If comments are favorable, this experiment will be evaluated for possible expansion to other NWS offices. An additional opportunity for comment/review will be provided before a decision to expand.

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