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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL 6-HOURLY QUANTITATIVE PRECIPITATION FORECASTS /QPFs/  
PRODUCED BY THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER /HPC/...EFFECTIVE  
JULY 31 1997

EFFECTIVE JULY 31 1997...THE HPC WILL BEGIN ISSUING TWO NEW 6-HOURLY QPFs  
TWICE A DAY THAT WILL EXTEND THE RANGE OF THESE PRODUCTS TO 30 HOURS INTO  
THE FUTURE FROM THESE TWO PARTICULAR ISSUANCE TIMES. CURRENTLY...THE HPC  
ISSUES 6-HOURLY QPFs FOUR TIMES A DAY...WHICH GO APPROXIMATELY 18 HOURS  
INTO THE FUTURE. WITH THE ADDITIONAL FORECASTS...QPF GUIDANCE WILL NOW  
EXTEND 30 HOURS INTO THE FUTURE. THESE ADDITIONAL 6-HOURLY QPFs WILL  
PROVIDE GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ AND THE  
RIVER FORECAST CENTERS /RFCS/ TO SUPPORT RIVER STAGE FORECASTING DONE BY  
THE RFCS. THIS REQUEST WAS FORMALLY PUT FORTH THROUGH A  
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION WORKING GROUP /HIWG/ SESSION.

THE NEW FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED TWICE A DAY...AT APPROXIMATELY 1000  
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ AND 1800 UTC. THESE GRAPHICS WILL BE  
IDENTICAL IN FORMAT TO EXISTING 6-HOURLY FORECASTS...MEANING THEY WILL BE  
AREAL AVERAGE RAINFALL/MELTED WATER EQUIVALENT FORECASTS...AND THE  
DESIGNATED ISOHYETS WILL BE THE USUAL 0.25...0.50...1.00 INCH...ETC. /WITH  
ONE INCH INCREMENTS ABOVE 1.00 INCH/...WITH THE MAXIMUM ANTICIPATED  
PRECIPITATION AMOUNT INDICATED...IF NECESSARY.

AT THIS TIME...THESE NEW GRAPHICS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE  
AUTOMATION OF FIELD OPERATIONS AND SERVICES /AFOS/...UNDER THE GRAPHICS  
PILS GPH9EE AND GPH9FE. THESE PILS WERE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR SPECIAL  
6-HOURLY QPFs THAT WERE OCCASIONALLY REQUESTED BY WFOS WHO NEEDED  
ADDITIONAL MANUAL QPF GUIDANCE FARTHER OUT INTO THE FUTURE. BECAUSE THESE  
NEW PRODUCTS WILL NOW ROUTINELY PROVIDE MANUAL QPFs FARTHER OUT INTO  
TIME...THERE WILL LIKELY BE LITTLE...IF ANY...REASON TO ISSUE SPECIAL QPFs  
UNDER THESE HEADINGS. HOWEVER...SHOULD THE NEED ARISE TO SEND OUT A  
SPECIAL...THE 9EE AND 9FE PILS WILL BE USED...BUT THE DISCLAIMER SPECIAL  
WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE GRAPHICS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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