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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-84 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 915 AM EDT THU SEP 14 2000

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: NEW FORMAT FOR THE MARYLAND AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PANHANDLE STATE FORECAST PRODUCT...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16 2000

ON MONDAY OCTOBER 16 2000...AT 400 AM EDT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON FORECAST OFFICE WILL BEGIN ISSUING A NEW TYPE OF STATE FORECAST FOR MARYLAND AND THE EASTERN PANHANDLE OF WEST VIRGINIA. THE NEW FORECAST WILL PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS IN THESE TWO STATES IN A TABULAR FORMAT...OUT TO FIVE DAYS. A NARRATIVE STATE FORECAST WILL FOLLOW THE TABULAR DATA FOR 60 DAYS...THEN BE PHASED OUT ON DECEMBER 15 2000.

FORECASTS FOR ADDITIONAL CITIES OR TOWNS CAN EASILY BE ADDED TO THE TABULAR VERSION TO SUIT SPECIFIC BROADCAST AREAS...AS CAN FORECASTS FOR RECREATIONAL AREAS OR OTHER SITES OF WIDESPREAD INTEREST.

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER FOR THE MARYLAND AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PRODUCT WILL BE UNCHANGED AND CONTINUE TO BE FPUS61 KLWX. THE NOAA WEATHER WIRE /NWWS/ HEADER OF WBCSFPMD WILL ALSO BE UNCHANGED.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW STATE FORECAST...

FPUS61 KLWX 162030 SFPMD

MDZ001>025-DCZ001-WVZ048>055-170830-STATE FORECAST FOR MARYLAND AND THE EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PANHANDLE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON 430 PM EDT WED AUG 16 2000

ROWS INCLUDE...

DAILY PREDOMINANT DAYTIME WEATHER

FORECAST TEMPERATURES...PREVIOUS NIGHT/S LOW...DAYTIME HIGH...DAYTIME PROBABILITY OF PRECIPITATION

-- INDICATES MISSING VALUES

FCST FCST FCST FCST THU FRI SAT SUN MON AUG 17 AUG 18 AUG 19 AUG 20 AUG 21

CITY

BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON METRO

BALTIMORE	SHWRS 64/83 POP 70	62/82		62/80	FAIR 60/84 POP 10
WASHINGTON		62/82	FAIR 59/77 POP 10	FAIR 62/80 POP 10	60/84
EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA PANHANDLE					
MARTINSBURG	SHWRS 61/81 POP 70	SUNNY 60/81 POP 0	FAIR 59/77 POP 10	FAIR 60/78 POP 10	FAIR 60/83 POP 10
GARRETT COUNTY					
OAKLAND	60/73	FAIR 53/72 POP 0	53/73	48/75	53/77
MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE					
SALISBURY		SUNNY 64/78 POP 0		63/81	
OCEAN CITY	TSTRMS 67/77 POP 70		PTCLDY 63/78 POP 10	66/81	PTCLDY 66/80 POP 10
SOUTHERN MARYLAND					
PATUXENT RIVER NAS	65/81	SUNNY 65/82 POP 0	59/77	62/80	60/85
WESTERN MARYLAND					
HAGERSTOWN			FAIR 59/77 POP 10	60/78	60/83

NARRATIVE:

- .TONIGHT...PERIODS OF SHOWERS AND A FEW THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS IN THE 60S. .THURSDAY...SHOWERS AND A FEW THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS FROM THE MID 70S TO THE LOWER 80S.
- .THURSDAY NIGHT...CLEARING. LOWS FROM THE MID 50S TO THE MID 60S.
- .FRIDAY...SUNNY. HIGHS FROM THE MID 70S TO THE LOWER 80S.

.EXTENDED FORECAST...

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS FROM THE MID 50S TO THE MID 60S. HIGHS IN THE 70S.

.SUNDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS AROUND 50 FAR WEST...AND AROUND 60 ELSEWHERE. HIGHS FROM 75 TO 80.

.MONDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. LOWS FROM THE MID 50S TO THE MID 60S. HIGHS FROM THE MID 70S TO THE MID 80S.

END OF EXAMPLE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS NEW PRODUCT...PLEASE CALL THE NWS BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON OFFICE AT 703-260-0107 FOR BARBARA WATSON AT EXT. 223 OR JAMES TRAVERS AT EXT. 222.

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