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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-18 CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
510 PM EDT WED APR 25 2001

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: INTRODUCTION AND TESTING OF THE WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION MESSAGE FROM JUNE 26 TO AUGUST 24 2001 AT THE GLASGOW
MT...BILLINGS MT...MISSOULA MT...GRAND RAPIDS MI...NASHVILLE TN...BUFFALO
NY AND CARIBOU ME FORECAST OFFICES

...CORRECTED E-MAIL ADDRESSES AT END OF MESSAGE FOR STEPHAN KUHL AND
DERREL MARTIN...

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY JUNE 26 2001 AT 8 A.M. LOCAL TIME.../1200 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ IN THE EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME ZONE...1300 UTC IN THE
CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME ZONE...1400 UTC IN THE MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME
ZONE/...SEVEN NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL BEGIN
SENDING TEST WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES /WCN...SEE TABLE ONE
BELOW/. THE SEVEN NWS WFOS ARE: GLASGOW MT...BILLINGS MT...MISSOULA
MT...GRAND RAPIDS MI...NASHVILLE TN...BUFFALO NY AND CARIBOU ME. THE WCN
MESSAGES WILL CONVEY STATUS INFORMATION /I.E...WHICH COUNTIES ARE IN OR
ARE BEING CLEARED FROM/ FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCHES IN EACH
OFFICE/S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS TEST WILL END AT 8 A.M. LOCAL TIME
FRIDAY AUGUST 24 2001.

TABLE 1: TEST WATCH MESSAGES WILL BE ISSUED UNDER THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS:

NWS OFFICE	WMO ID	AWIPS ID	PIL IDENTIFIER
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GLASGOW MT	WWUS65 KGGW	WCNGGW	GTFWCNGGW
BILLINGS MT	WWUS65 KBYZ	WCNBYZ	GTFWCNBYZ
MISSOULA MT	WWUS65 KMSO	WCNMSO	GTFWCNMSO
GRAND RAPIDS MI	WWUS63 KGRR	WCNGRR	ARBWCNGRR
NASHVILLE TN	WWUS64 KOHX	WCNOHX	MEMWCNOHX
BUFFALO NY	WWUS61 KBUF	WCNBUF	BUFWCNBUF
CARIBOU ME	WWUS61 KCAR	WCNCAR	PWMWCNCAR

/END OF TABLE 1/

THE TEST WILL ALLOW THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TO ENSURE THAT THE
PROGRAMS WHICH CREATE THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION RUN CORRECTLY AND ALSO
ALLOW EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS TO DETERMINE WAYS TO UTILIZE THE
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES IN THEIR DISSEMINATION AND NOTIFICATION
SYSTEMS. EXISTING OPERATIONAL WATCH MESSAGES /I.E...SPECIAL WEATHER

STATEMENTS/ FROM EACH OFFICE WILL CONTINUE DURING THIS TEST PERIOD. THE TEST WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED IF BACKUP SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER NWS OFFICE IS REQUIRED DURING THIS TEST PERIOD.

THE WCN IS DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE WATCH INFORMATION FROM WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES...SO IT WILL BE USED TO CONVEY THE INITIAL ISSUANCE OF A CONVECTIVE WATCH...WHEN COUNTIES ARE BEING CLEARED FROM A WATCH...OR WHEN WATCHES ARE BEING CANCELED OR REPLACED BY NEW WATCHES.

THE WCN IS A SEGMENTED PRODUCT...WITH UNIQUE SEGMENTS FOR EACH ACTION TAKEN DURING A WATCH. SEGMENTS SHOWING COUNTIES IN A WATCH WILL BE SEPARATE FROM SEGMENTS DESCRIBING WHERE COUNTIES ARE BEING CLEARED FROM A WATCH. EACH SEGMENT WILL HAVE A CORRESPONDING VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ STRING DESCRIBING THE ACTIONS TAKEN IN THAT SEGMENT.

FOR A SUITE OF EXAMPLES SHOWING THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES FOR EACH CONVECTIVE WATCH SITUATION...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WCN/WCNEX.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/wcn/wcnex.pdf)

FOR A DESCRIPTION OF VTEC AND ITS ELEMENTS...SEVERAL PRODUCT EXAMPLES...AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/VTEC/VTEC.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/vtec/vtec.pdf)

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WATCH COUNTY MESSAGES DURING THE TEST SHOULD ADD ONE OR MORE OF THE COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS LISTED IN TABLE ONE TO YOUR DATABASES. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE THE TEST WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES...NO SPECIFIC ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED. FURTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED ONCE A DECISION IS MADE TO MAKE THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES OPERATIONAL.

EXAMPLE:

WWUS65 KGGW 261930
WCNGGW

WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION FOR WATCH #1002
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GLASGOW MT
130 PM MDT SUN 26 MAY 1998

MTC019-091-105-270100-
/CAN.KGGW.TO.A.1002.000000-270100/

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GLASGOW HAS CLEARED A PORTION OF TORNADO WATCH #1002. COUNTIES CLEARED FROM THE TORNADO WATCH INCLUDE:

IN MONTANA:

VALLEY
DANIELS
SHERIDAN

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MTC055-083-085-270100-
/CON.KGGW.TO.A.1002.000000-270100/

TORNADO WATCH #1002 REMAINS VALID UNTIL 700 PM MDT SUNDAY FOR THE
FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN MONTANA:

ROOSEVELT
RICHLAND
MCCONE
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/END OF EXAMPLE/

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS... PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE
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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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