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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-14
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1215 PM EST FRI FEB 21 2003

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGE FOR SELECTED WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICES: EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2003

ON TUESDAY...APRIL 15 2003 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ IN TABLE 1 WILL BEGIN ISSUING AN
EXPERIMENTAL TEXT PRODUCT CALLED THE WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION /WCN/. THE
WFOS WILL ISSUE WCNS ALONG WITH STATE AREAL OUTLINE STATEMENTS /SLS/ AND
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENTS /SPS/ AS A FINAL TEST TO EVALUATE WHETHER OR
NOT TO IMPLEMENT THIS PRODUCT THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
/CONUS/ ON OCTOBER 1 2003. WCNS ISSUED DURING THIS TEST ARE FOR
EVALUATION PURPOSES ONLY.

WFOS WILL USE WCN MESSAGES TO DEPICT THE STATUS OF ACTIVE SEVERE
THUNDERSTORM OR TORNADO WATCHES FOR THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THE WCN
SHOWS WHICH COUNTIES REMAIN IN...ARE CANCELLED FROM...OR ARE EXTENDED IN
AREA OR TIME PERIOD OF THE WATCH. WCN MESSAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED
DURING THIS TEST PERIOD IF BACKUP SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER NWS OFFICE IS
REQUIRED.

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE WCN MESSAGES SHOULD ADD THE
COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIER IN TABLE 1 TO THE APPROPRIATE DATABASES.

TABLE 1: ISSUING OFFICES ALONG WITH CORRESPONDING WATCH COUNTY
NOTIFICATION MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS

NWS EASTERN REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES:

ISSUING OFFICE	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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WFO COLUMBIA SC	WWUS62 KCAE	WCNCAE
WFO CHARLESTON SC	WWUS62 KCHS	WCNCHS
WFO GREER SC	WWUS62 KGSP	WCNGSP
WFO CHARLESTON WV	WWUS61 KRLX	WCNRLX
WFO WILMINGTON NC	WWUS62 KILM	WCNILM
WFO NEWPORT NC	WWUS62 KMHX	WCNMHX
WFO RALEIGH NC	WWUS62 KRAH	WCNRAH
WFO WAKEFIELD VA	WWUS61 KAKQ	WCNAKQ
WFO ROANOKE VA	WWUS61 KRNK	WCNRNK

NWS CENTRAL REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES:

ISSUING OFFICE	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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WFO BISMARCK ND	WWUS63 KBIS	WCNBIS
WFO LINCOLN IL	WWUS63 KILX	WCNILX
WFO RIVERTON WY	WWUS65 KRIW	WCNRIW
WFO GRAND JUNCTION CO	WWUS65 KGJT	WCNGJT
WFO INDIANAPOLIS IN	WWUS63 KIND	WCNIND
WFO HASTINGS NE	WWUS63 KGID	WCNGID
WFO PADUCAH KY	WWUS63 KPAH	WCNPAH
WFO PLEASANT HILL/KANSAS CITY MO	WWUS63 KEAX	WCNEAX
WFO SAINT LOUIS MO	WWUS63 KLSX	WCNLSX
WFO SPRINGFIELD MO	WWUS63 KSGF	WCNSGF
WFO DODGE CITY KS	WWUS63 KDDC	WCNDDC
WFO GOODLAND KS	WWUS63 KGLD	WCNGLD
WFO WICHITA KS	WWUS63 KICT	WCNICT
WFO TOPEKA KS	WWUS63 KTOP	WCNTOP

NWS SOUTHERN REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES:

WFO PEACHTREE CITY/ATLANTA GA	WWUS62 KFFC	WCNFFC
WFO BIRMINGHAM AL	WWUS64 KBMX	WCNBMX
WFO DALLAS/FORT WORTH TX	WWUS64 KFWD	WCNFWD
WFO AMARILLO TX	WWUS64 KAMA	WCNAMA
WFO LUBBOCK TX	WWUS64 KLBB	WCNLUB
WFO LAKE CHARLES LA	WWUS64 KLCH	WCNLCH
WFO SHREVEPORT LA	WWUS64 KSHV	WCNSHV
WFO OKLAHOMA CITY/NORMAN OK	WWUS64 KOUN	WCNOUN
WFO TULSA OK	WWUS64 KTSA	WCNTSA
WFO HOUSTON/GALVESTON TX	WWUS64 KHGX	WCNHGX
WFO MORRISTOWN TN	WWUS64 KMRX	WCNMRX
WFO HUNTSVILLE AL	WWUS64 KHUN	WCNHUN
WFO NASHVILLE TN	WWUS64 KOHX	WCNOHX

NWS WESTERN REGION WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES:

WFO BOISE ID	WWUS65 KBOI	WCNBOI
WFO POCATELLO ID	WWUS65 KPIH	WCNPIH
WFO BILLINGS MT	WWUS65 KBYZ	WCNBYZ
WFO GLASGOW MT	WWUS65 KGGW	WCNGGW
WFO MISSOULA MT	WWUS65 KMSO	WCNMMSO
WFO GREAT FALLS MT	WWUS65 KTFX	WCNTFX
WFO SALT LAKE CITY UT	WWUS65 KSLC	WCNSLC

FOR INFORMATION ON AND EXAMPLES OF WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION MESSAGES...PLEASE SEE THE INTERNET SITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WATCH](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/watch)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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