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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-25  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
754 AM EDT TUE JUN 27 2006

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

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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN HPC NON-TECHNICAL WINTER LOW TRACK WEB GRAPHIC:  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15 2006

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15 2006...THE NATIONAL CENTERS FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION /NCEP/ WILL MAKE THE NON-TECHNICAL WINTER LOW  
TRACK WEB GRAPHIC OPERATIONAL.

NOTE: THIS PRODUCT IS ONLY TRANSMITTED ON THE WEB. CONCURRENT WITH THE  
OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NON-TECHNICAL WINTER LOW GRAPHIC...THE  
NCEP HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER /HPC/ WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
TWO CHANGES TO THE PREVIOUSLY EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT:

- THE INITIAL POSITION OF EXISTING LOWS AT 00 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/ OR 12 UTC WILL BE DEPICTED BY A RED DOT /WITHOUT CIRCLES/.
- THE YELLOW CIRCLES AROUND EACH FORECAST LOW POSITION WILL REPRESENT A 75  
PERCENT PROBABILITY THAT THE OBSERVED LOW WILL BE WITHIN THE CIRCLE. THE  
PROBABILITY IS DERIVED FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON/S VERIFICATION DATA.  
DURING THE LAST WINTER WEATHER SEASON...THE YELLOW CIRCLES REPRESENTED THE  
AVERAGE HISTORICAL ERROR IN LOW TRACK POSITION AT A GIVEN VALID  
TIME...E.G...H+12 HOURS...H+24 HOURS.

USERS CAN FIND THE EXISTING LOW TRACK GRAPHIC AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.HPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/WWD/LOWTRACK\\_PUBLIC.GIF](http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/lowtrack_public.gif)

A SAMPLE OF THE REVISED PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.HPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/WWD/WWDCHANGES20062007/NEW\\_LOWTRACK\\_PUBLIC.GIF](http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/wwdchanges20062007/new_lowtrack_public.gif)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CHANGE ...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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