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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-37 AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1115 AM EST FRI DEC 1 2006

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

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SUBJECT: AMENDED: EXPERIMENTAL WEB-BASED WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER:
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7 2006

AMENDED TO CHANGE THE WEB-BASED INTERFACE NAME FROM WEATHER SAFETY PLANNER /WSP/ TO WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER /WAP/. THE WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER NAME REFLECTS THE FULL UTILITY OF THIS WEB-BASED INTERFACE. PLEASE NOTE THE URL FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS HAS ALSO BEEN AMENDED TO REFLECT THIS NAME CHANGE.

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 2006 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...100 PM EST...THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION /NOAA/ NWS WILL MAKE AVAILABLE AN EXPERIMENTAL WEB-BASED INTERFACE ENTITLED WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER /WAP/.

THE WAP IS AN EASY TO USE INTERFACE THAT PERMITS PUBLIC ACCESS TO NWS DIGITAL FORECAST INFORMATION. THE WEBPAGE INTERFACE ALLOWS AN INDIVIDUAL TO ENTER A RANGE OF VALUES FOR SPECIFIC WEATHER PARAMETERS AND OBTAIN A FORECAST FOR THE DEFINED AREA OF INTEREST. THE INPUT IS FORECAST DATA DIRECTLY PULLED FROM THE LOCAL WFO DIGITAL FORECAST DATABASE. THE RESULTING DATA IS PRESENTED IN A GRAPH AND REPRESENTS AVERAGE CONDITIONS FOR A 5 KILOMETER GRID BOX NEAREST TO THE USER-SELECTED LATITUDE/ LONGITUDE POINT. THE GRAPH COVERS THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS. THE TOOL HELPS SATISFY E-GOV INITIATIVES BY PROVIDING AN AVENUE TO OBTAIN GOVERNMENT PROVIDED WEATHER DATA.

THE INTENDED AUDIENCE INCLUDES EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO HAVE A NEED TO ASSESS FORECAST CONDITIONS FOR A DEFINED SET OF PARAMETERS AND ASSOCIATED THRESHOLDS AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION OF INTEREST.

THE EXPERIMENTAL WAP WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING NINE /9/ WFO WEBSITES ACROSS THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND HAWAII /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

WFO CHARLESTON WV: [HTTP://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/RLX/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/rlx/)
WFO UPTON/NEW YORK CITY NY: [HTTP://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/OKX/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/okx/)
WFO RAPID CITY SD: [HTTP://WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/UNR/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/unr/)
WFO PUEBLO CO: [HTTP://WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/PUB/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/pub/)

WFO MORRISTOWN TN: [HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/MRX/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mrx/)
WFO AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO TX: [HTTP://WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/EWX/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ewx/)
WFO TUCSON AZ: [HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/TWC/](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/)
WFO BOISE ID: [HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/BOI/](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/boi/)
WFO HONOLULU HI: [HTTP://WWW.PRH.NOAA.GOV/PR/HNL/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/pr/hnl/)

THE WAP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK FOR THE 90 DAY PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 7 2006 THROUGH MARCH 7 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NWS INSTRUCTION 10-102...NEW OR ENHANCED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES...SECTION 6.3. COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK MAY BE PROVIDED ONLINE BY CLICKING ON THE WAP INTERFACE COMMENT/ FEEDBACK LINK OR VIA THE FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=WXACTPLAN](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=wxactplan)

THE WAP WILL REMAIN EXPERIMENTAL UNTIL ALL FEEDBACK HAS BEEN ASSESSED AND A TECHNICAL ANALYSIS COMPLETED. AT THAT TIME...NWS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TO TRANSITION THE EXPERIMENTAL WAP TO OPERATIONAL STATUS...DISCONTINUE THE SERVICE...OR REVISE AND RETAIN THE WAP AS AN EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE FOR A REDEFINED PERIOD OF REVIEW. IF A DECISION IS MADE TO MAKE THE WAP OPERATIONAL...NWS WILL USE A STANDARD WAP AT ALL WFOS...REPLACING ANY SIMILAR EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS.

MORE DETAILS REGARDING THE WEATHER ACTIVITY PLANNER WILL BE ISSUED IN A PRODUCT/SERVICE DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT /PDD/ BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD. THE PDD WILL BE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://PRODUCTS.WEATHER.GOV/VIEWLISTE.PHP](http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php)

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

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

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