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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-56
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: ELI JACKS
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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF A RECREATIONAL FORECAST AT THE WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICE AT HANFORD CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2 2008

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2 2008 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ AT HANFORD
CALIFORNIA /HNX/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING A RECREATIONAL FORECAST /REC/ FOR THE
NATIONAL PARKS WITHIN ITS AREA OF FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE ABOVE
DATE...THE FOLLOWING FORECAST PRODUCT WILL BE ISSUED TWICE DAILY /MORE
FREQUENTLY AS NEEDED/ BY WFO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS IDENTIFIER
RECREATIONAL FORECAST	SXUS45 KHNX	RECHNX

PERTINENT PERSONNEL/OFFICES/AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THESE COMMUNICATION
IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE THESE NWS PRODUCTS.

THE RECREATIONAL FORECAST /REC/ WILL PROVIDE A DETAILED WEATHER FORECAST
IN TWO SEGMENTS: THE FIRST SEGMENT FOR YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK...AND THE
SECOND SEGMENT FOR THE COMBINED MANAGEMENT AREA OF SEQUOIA AND KINGS
CANYON NATIONAL PARKS.

EACH SEGMENT WILL CONTAIN DAY AND NIGHT PERIODS FOR THE SEVEN DAY FORECAST
PERIOD. THE FOLLOWING WEATHER ELEMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED:
TEMPERATURE...SKY COVER AND WEATHER...AND SIGNIFICANT WINDS. AFTER THE
SEVEN DAY FORECAST THERE WILL BE POINT FORECASTS FOR YOSEMITE VALLEY IN
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK...AND FOR SEQUOIA SOUTH ENTRANCE AND LODGEPOLE IN
SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS. RELEVANT ZONE NUMBERS WILL BE
USED AND EACH FORECAST WILL CONTAIN A PRODUCT EXPIRATION TIME. ADDITIONAL
SEGMENTS AND POINT FORECASTS MAY BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS POLICY
/NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL ADVANCE LEAD TIME
WAS APPROVED BECAUSE THIS CHANGE IS AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE FOR THE 2007-
2008 WINTER SEASON THAT WILL NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CUSTOMERS NOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC...AND MINIMAL CHANGES TO SOFTWARE WILL BE
NECESSARY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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