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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-62
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1000 AM EST MON NOV 17 2008

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FROM: AHSHA N. TRIBBLE
CHIEF...CLIMATE SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: GLOBAL TROPICS HAZARDS/BENEFITS ASSESSMENT TO BECOME OFFICIAL ON
MONDAY DECEMBER 22 2008

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-58](#)...ISSUED DECEMBER 12 2007

EFFECTIVE MONDAY DECEMBER 22 2008...THE GLOBAL TROPICS HAZARDS/BENEFITS
ASSESSMENT WILL BE BECOME OFFICIAL. IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED BY THE
NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER /CPC/ EACH MONDAY AT 400 PM EASTERN STANDARD
TIME /EST/ /OR 2100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC// ON THE WEB AT /USE
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THE EXPERIMENTAL ISSUANCES WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED EACH MONDAY THROUGH
DECEMBER 15 2008 AT THE WEBSITE ABOVE.

CPC THANKS ALL WHO PROVIDED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM DECEMBER 17 2007 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 3 2008 ON THE EXPERIMENTAL ISSUANCES. THE COMMENTS WERE
CONSIDERED IN THE FINAL PRODUCT DESIGN FOR UPCOMING OFFICIAL ISSUANCES.
COMMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED FROM THE WEBSITE SHOWN BELOW AND
WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PERIODIC WEBSITE REVIEWS FOR POSSIBLE REVISIONS /USE
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[HTTP://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/PRECIP/CWLINK/GHAZARDS/NWS-FEEDBACK-FORM.HTML](http://WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/PRECIP/CWLINK/GHAZARDS/NWS-FEEDBACK-FORM.HTML)

THE GLOBAL TROPICS HAZARDS/BENEFITS ASSESSMENT WILL PROVIDE AN OUTLOOK FOR
TWO COMPONENTS DURING THE UPCOMING WEEK 1 AND WEEK 2 PERIOD:

- AREAS EXPECTING EXTENSIVE AND PERSISTENT ENHANCED/ SUPPRESSED RAINFALL.
- REGIONS WHERE CONDITIONS ARE ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE FOR
TROPICAL CYCLOGENESIS.

THE PRODUCT WILL EMPHASIZE IMPACTS ACROSS THE GLOBAL TROPICS ONLY. IT
WILL SERVE AS AN ADDITIONAL RESOURCE FOR NWS FORECASTERS MONITORING
TROPICAL CONVECTION AND TROPICAL CYCLONE POTENTIAL AND FOR THOSE WITH
SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THESE AREAS.

THE WEBSITE CONTAINS A TABLE OF TWO IMAGES FOR WEEK 1 AND WEEK 2 OUTLOOKS.

EACH IMAGE ILLUSTRATES NUMBERED TROPICAL HAZARDS AND BENEFITS WITH A TEXT DESCRIPTION BELOW THE MAP EXPLAINING THE NATURE AND RATIONALE FOR THE HIGHLIGHTED REGION. IMAGES CAN BE MADE LARGER BY CLICKING ON THE HEADING LABELS.

THE ENTIRE PRODUCT /BOTH MAPS AND COVER PAGE IN PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT /PDF/ AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PHYSICAL BASIS AND RATIONALE FOR THE OUTLOOKS IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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