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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-03 AMENDED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 315 PM EDT MON OCT 26 2009

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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: ROBERT BUNGE

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SUBJECT: AMENDED: RIDGE RADAR VERSION II COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO MARCH 1 2010

DUE TO THE NUMBER OF COMMENTS RECEIVED...NWS HAS EXTENDED THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR RIDGE VERSION II TO MARCH 1 2010. THIS EXTENSTION WILL ALLOW NWS TO MODIFTY FUNCTIONALITY BASED ON COMMENTS AND ACCEPT ADDITIONAL INPUT.

THE RIDGE VERSION II BETA WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT RADAR DISPLAY. VERSION II WILL USE A NATIONAL MOSAIC AS THE PRIMARY PAGE WITH USER SELECTABLE VIEWS/WARNINGS AND OVERLAYS. A THIRD PARTY WILL PROVIDE UNDERLYING MAPS. IN ADDITION...NWS WILL MAKE AVAILABLE LOW BANDWIDTH PAGES BETA PAGES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://RADAR.SRH.NOAA.GOV

IN MARCH 2010...THESE PAGES WILL REPLACE THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://RADAR.WEATHER.GOV

AT THAT TIME...NWS WILL DISCONTINUE THE BETA URL. A HELP LINK ON THE RIDGE WEBPAGES WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ARCHIVED DATA.

THE BETA PAGES WILL DISPLAY STORM BASED WARNINGS /IF THEY ARE IN EFFECT/ AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALL NWS WATCH/WARNING PRODUCTS.

COMMENTS WILL BE ANALYZED THROUGHOUT THE REVIEW PERIOD TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN THE CURRENT RADAR PAGES AND THE PROPOSED NEW PAGES. CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO THE BETA PAGES DURING THIS PERIOD BASED ON USER COMMENTS.

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

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