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SUBJECT: FORMAT CHANGE TO THE MONTHLY TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY PRODUCT:  
EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009...THE TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY /TWS/  
PRODUCT...PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR THE PRECEDING  
MONTH IN THE HURRICANE SEASON...WILL CHANGE FROM A NARRATIVE TO A MAINLY  
TABULAR FORMAT.

BELOW ARE THE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS FOR THE AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

HURRICANE BASIN	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING
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ATLANTIC	ABNT30 KNHC	TWSAT
EASTERN PACIFIC	APBZ30 KNHC	TWSEP
CENTRAL PACIFIC	ACPN60 PHFO	TWSCP

THE TWS HAS TRADITIONALLY CONTAINED A NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE LIFE CYCLE  
OF EACH TROPICAL CYCLONE OCCURRING DURING THE PRECEDING MONTH FOR USERS  
WITH HISTORICAL OR CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA NEEDS. BECAUSE POST-STORM ANALYSIS  
IS RARELY COMPLETE BY THE END OF THE MONTH...TWS PRODUCTS CAN USUALLY ONLY  
PROVIDE WEATHER INFORMATION ALREADY CONTAINED IN REAL-TIME OPERATIONAL  
PRODUCTS. ACCURATE INFORMATION ON IMPACTS IS ALSO GENERALLY UNAVAILABLE  
AT THE NORMAL TWS ISSUANCE TIMES.

THEREFORE...BEGINNING IN 2009...THE TWS WILL GENERALLY BE LIMITED TO A  
TABLE OF BASIC METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...SUCH AS THE DATES OF OCCURRENCE  
AND ESTIMATED PEAK INTENSITY...FOR ALL OF THE SEASON/S TROPICAL CYCLONES  
TO DATE. NARRATIVE SUMMARIES FOR INDIVIDUAL CYCLONES WILL NO LONGER BE  
INCLUDED...ALTHOUGH BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS FOR RECORDS OF INTEREST MAY BE  
PROVIDED.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE TWS PRODUCT FOR 2009 IS PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER  
CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/TWS EXAMPLE.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/tws_example.shtml)

USERS REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON EACH TROPICAL CYCLONE...INCLUDING SYNOPTIC HISTORY...METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES...AND THE POST-ANALYSIS BEST TRACK /SIX-HOURLY POSITIONS AND INTENSITIES/...ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT THE END OF SEASON TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS:

TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/2008ATLAN.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/2008atlan.shtml)

TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/2008EPAC.SHTML](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/2008epac.shtml)

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/CPHC/SUMMARIES](http://www.weather.gov/cphc/summaries)

THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER /NHC/ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH OF THE EQUATOR AND EAST OF 140 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER /CPHC/ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN NORTH OF THE EQUATOR FROM 140 DEGREES WEST TO 180 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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