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Subject: NWS to Operationally Implement Enhanced Format for Fire Weather
Planning Forecasts (FWF) Beginning May 14, 2015, at Three Additional
Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs)

Effective May 14, 2015, at 0600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), WFOs
Albuquerque, NM, and El Paso and Midland, TX, will operationally implement
a new bullet style format for the Fire Weather Planning Forecast (FWF),
joining six other Western Region WFOs. The proposed change uses left
justified asterisks to begin each new line of text. This format allows
word wrapping and indentations in the Advanced Weather Interactive
Processing System (AWIPS) fire weather forecast text editor, thereby
reducing forecaster edit time and increasing dissemination efficiency.

After May 14, 2015, the following NWS WFOs will be providing the new FWF
format:

Western Region: WFOs Seattle and Spokane, WA; Medford, Pendleton and
Portland, OR and Reno, NV.

Southern Region: WFOs Albuquerque, NM, and El Paso and Midland, TX.

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