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Subject: Solicitation of comments on the Experimental National

Forecast Chart starting November 7, 2017 through

December 1, 2018

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction's (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is soliciting comments on the Experimental National Forecast Chart. WPC will begin issuing the product on an experimental basis November 7, 2017. The Experimental National Forecast Chart is an interactive graphical interface depicting an overview of expected weather for the next 3 days, with emphasis on certain hazardous and significant weather.

The chart contains summarized forecasts from several NCEP Service Centers including:

- -Storm Prediction Center for severe thunderstorm and tornado outlooks
- -National Hurricane Center for tropical storm and hurricane forecasts
- -WPC for information concerning heavy rainfall, winter weather, and general weather  $\,$

With overlaid frontal forecasts, these displays serve as an overview of expected weather conditions through day three.

Static snapshots of the new experimental chart will also be provided to support existing and continuing uses by NOAA and others. These displays are intended to replace the current legacy National Forecast Chart available at:

http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/national\_forecast/natfcst.php

Starting November 7, 2017, the interactive display will be available online at:

http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/exper/nationalforecastchart/map.php

The electronic survey as listed on the WPC webpage can be found at the following:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=GUDES

Comments regarding the Experimental National Forecast Map should be sent to:

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NWS Public Information Statements are online at:

http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm

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