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Subject: WPC will assume NWS operational preparation and

dissemination responsibility for the Days 3-7 portion

of the U.S. Hazards Outlook starting on

January 3, 2019

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Climate Prediction Center (CPC) has released for many years the U.S. Hazards Outlook spanning Days 3-14. The CPC and the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) are coordinating a change in the dissemination source for the early part of this outlook, namely the Days 3-7 portion effective January 3, 2019.

The WPC will operationally prepare and release forecast and other needed information for the Days 3-7 period and become the official NWS source of the U.S. Hazards Outlook for Days 3-7. It is appropriate for the WPC to issue these outlooks because WPC operationally releases other closely related products in this outlook time range and supports the U.S. Hazards Outlook. The Days 3-7 portion of the text message outlining outlook forecast rationale will be included in the current WPC medium range forecast discussion text message (location information below):

AWIPS ID: PMDEPD

WPC medium range forecast discussion web page:

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/hpcdiscussions.php?disc=pmdepd

CPC will remain the official NWS source for the Days 8-14 portion of the U.S. Hazards Outlook and continue to operationally release these products and services.

This change will start with the January 3, 2019, release of the U.S. Hazards Outlook.

CPC will create a transfer web page to direct users to the WPC web location for the Days 3-7 products. The current Days 3-7 U.S. Hazards Outlook is available from CPC at the following locations:

Main web page:

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http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/threats.php
Combined static images:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/hazards_d3_7_co
ntours.png
Days 3-7 Temperature related hazards
  WMO Heading: PTIY97 KWNC
  AWIPS ID: RBGTT3
Shapefile:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/Temp_D3-7.zip
Days 3-7 Soils related hazards
  WMO Heading: PYIY97 KWNC
  AWIPS ID: RBGTS3
Shapefile:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/Soils_D3-7.zip
Days 3-7 Precipitation related hazards
  WMO Heading: PEIY97 KWNC
  AWIPS ID: RBGTP3
Shapefile:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/Prcp_D3-7.zip
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National Service Change Notices are online at:
  https://www.weather.gov/notification/
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