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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-47  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
120 PM EDT MON JUL 21 2008

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-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE  
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: ELI JACKS  
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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF A RECREATIONAL FORECAST AT WEATHER FORECAST  
OFFICE IN MIDLAND/ODESSA TEXAS: EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1 2008

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1 2008 AT 1100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...THE MIDLAND/ODESSA /MAF/ TEXAS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WILL  
BEGIN ISSUING A RECREATIONAL FORECAST /REC/ FOR THE NATIONAL PARKS WITHIN  
ITS AREA OF FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE ABOVE DATE...THE FOLLOWING  
FORECAST PRODUCT WILL BE ISSUED TWICE DAILY /MORE FREQUENTLY AS NEEDED/ BY  
WFO MIDLAND/ODESSA:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS IDENTIFIER
RECREATIONAL FORECAST	SXUS44 KMAF	RECMAF

PERTINENT PERSONNEL/OFFICES/AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THIS COMMUNICATION  
IDENTIFIER TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE THIS NWS PRODUCT.

THE REC WILL PROVIDE A DETAILED WEATHER FORECAST IN THREE SEGMENTS AS  
FOLLOWS:

- BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK
- CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK
- GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

EACH SEGMENT WILL CONTAIN DAY AND NIGHT PERIODS FOR THE 7-DAY FORECAST  
PERIOD. WEATHER ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED ARE: TEMPERATURE...SKY COVER AND  
WEATHER...AND SIGNIFICANT WINDS. AFTER THE 7-DAY FORECAST...THERE WILL BE  
POINT FORECASTS FOR:

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK VISITORS CENTER: CASTOLON...CHISOS  
BASIN...PERSIMMON GAP...RIO GRANDE VILLAGE /BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK/  
  
CARLSBAD CAVERNS VISITORS CENTER /CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK/  
  
GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS VISITORS CENTER...DOG CANYON RANGER STATION AND  
MCKITTRICK CANYON TRAILHEAD /GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK/

RELEVANT ZONE NUMBERS WILL BE USED AND EACH FORECAST WILL CONTAIN A  
PRODUCT EXPIRATION TIME. ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS AND POINT FORECASTS MAY BE  
ADDED IN THE FUTURE.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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