

Weather Activity Planner

1. Product Description Document (PDD) The Weather Activity Planner (WAP) is an easy to use interface that permits public access to NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Offices' (WFOs') local digital forecast data base. The web page interface allows an individual to enter a range of values for specific weather parameters and obtain a forecast for the defined area of interest. The output is forecast data pulled directly from the local WFO's digital forecast data base, and represents average conditions for the next 7 days across a 5 km grid nearest the user-selected point. The resulting data is presented graphically, highlighting periods when the selected range of values applies. The tool helps satisfy e-gov initiatives by offering an avenue to obtain government-provided data.

2. The experimental product was produced December 7, 2006 – March 7, 2007.

3. Comments: received from NWS, partners, and public users.

a. Thirteen positive comments were received.

b. One comment suggested the WAP was a private sector issue. W/SP reviewed this comment and concurred with recommendation to make the WAP operational.

4. The Operations and Execution Committee of the Corporate Board approved recommendation to transition the WAP to operational status at their May 23, 2007, meeting, with one caveat.

a. The maintenance concept will be a small team of Regional ITOs, during daytime hours 5 days a week vice 7 days a week.

RECOMMEND: OCWWS Director designate the **Weather Activity Planner** "operational" effective July 2007.

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