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This document is considered Part 1. Part 2 is to be developed and maintained by local offices. It is intended that Part 2 will contain additional detailed information pertaining to local WFO County Warning Areas as well as any state-only services and procedures.

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