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# **Wireless Services and General Policy Update**

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# Issues



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- Development of NWS Policy on Wireless Weather Services
  - NOAA Partnership Policy



# Wireless Weather Services



- Past activity
  - Discussion at last January's Partners meeting – confirmed need for more comprehensive discussion
  - June 2011 – Forum on Wireless Weather Services (with summer Partners meeting)
    - Formal discussion on roles of NWS, private sector, and academia in delivering wireless weather services
    - Summary on-line at <http://apps.weather.gov/partners/presentations.php>
    - Action:
      - Develop/share draft NWS wireless policy
      - Clarify definition of NWS "Core Partners"



# Wireless Weather Services



- Since June
  - Working to gain internal consensus on NWS wireless policy
  - Internal memorandum issued for hold on development of device-specific mobile “apps”
  - Working to have policy in place by end of March (including 45-day external comment/review)
- Policy issues include:
  - Addressing both direct and indirect mobile services
    - Direct – NWS provides display/content to end-user device
    - Indirect – NWS provides data to support industry-provided services
  - Process needed to ensure decisions on new mobile services will be based on careful analysis of costs, benefits, and policy impacts



# Definition of NWS “Core Partner”



## Summary

- Government and non-government entities which are directly involved in the preparation, dissemination and discussions involving hazardous weather or other emergency information put out by the National Weather Service.
- We recognize there are many who contribute to overall services -- “core partner” designation identifies those entities which have a unique need for assured access to unaltered NWS information because of the level of interaction required with NWS.
- Comprised of 3 main groups:
  - Member of the emergency management community
  - Federal/state/local government partners who require close coordination with NWS
  - Members of the electronic media



# NOAA Partnership Policy Update



- Policy includes requirement for 5-year review
- 60-day public comment period will begin soon
- Appreciate feedback on:
  - What worked
  - What didn't work
  - Suggested changes to policy