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Subject: Soliciting Comments on the Experimental Addition of Week-3 to the Global Tropics Hazards Outlook (GTH) from September 13, 2022 through December 31, 2022

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is soliciting comments and feedback from September 13, 2022 through December 31, 2022 on the addition of Week-3 to the GTH. Please note that the beginning of this experiment coincides with the termination of the Week-1 GTH outlook (Service Change Notice (SCN) 22-78 issued on August 22, 2022). You may view the SCN at:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf2/scn22-78\\_cpc\\_gth\\_termination.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf2/scn22-78_cpc_gth_termination.pdf)

Therefore, effective September 13, 2022, the GTH will provide a forecast for Week-2 (operational) and Week-3 (experimental).

Information regarding tropical cyclones, temperature and precipitation will be included in Week-2 of the GTH outlook. Week-3 of the GTH outlook will provide temperature and precipitation information.

Additional changes to note for the GTH will include a product name change from the Global Tropics and Benefits Hazards Outlook to simply the Global Tropics Hazards Outlook, where "Benefits" is removed. Second, the GTH product will explicitly provide probabilistic forecasts for precipitation, temperature and tropical cyclones, fully aligning with the probabilistic nature of the product.

The GTH issuance time will remain the same: Tuesdays at 2:30 PM Eastern Time, or 0630 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

The GTH product is available at:

<https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/precip/CWlink/ghazards/index.php>

The GTH product will continue to provide supportive services such as forecast text discussion and forecast data made available in ArcGIS (shapefiles) and Google Earth (Keyhole Markup Language (KML)) formats.

For more detailed information regarding the addition of Week-3 to the GTH, please see the Product Description Document at:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD\\_Week2-3\\_GlobalTropicsHazardsOutlook\\_2022.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_Week2-3_GlobalTropicsHazardsOutlook_2022.pdf)

Comments and feedback regarding the addition of Week-3 to the GTH can be provided through the NWS survey at:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Exp\\_GTH\\_2022](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Exp_GTH_2022)

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