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Subject: Adjustment to services provided to the Quad Cities Hydrologic Service Area

On January 15, 2019, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) office in the Quad Cities will begin providing river forecast and warning services for two locations along the Cedar River in eastern Iowa. These locations include:

Cedar River at Blairs Ferry Road at Palo, IA (NWS Location Identifier - PLOI4)

Cedar River at Cedar Bluff (NWS Location Identifier - CEBI4)

The NWS will provide river forecasts and statements, and watches and warnings as needed during times of high water for these two locations. Key stages have been defined and are detailed below:

...Cedar River at Palo, IA...

Action Stage: 11.0 ft

Flood Stage (Minor Flood Stage): 12.5 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 15.5 ft Major Flood Stage: 17.0 ft

...Cedar River at Cedar Bluff, IA...

Action Stage: 12.0 ft

Flood Stage (Minor Flood Stage): 16.0 ft

Moderate Flood Stage: 20.0 ft Major Flood Stage: 26.0 ft

These locations will continue to have real-time observational data displayed on the NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) webpage. Forecasts will be issued when the river level has reached, or is expected to reach or exceed Action Stage.

Forecasts routinely incorporate 24 hours of forecast rainfall from April 1 through September 30 and 48 hours of forecast rainfall from October 1 through March 31.

Both changes are in response to local user requests and have been coordinated with local, state, and federal officials.

Specific products that will be affected by these changes are:

Flood Warning - FLW Flood Statement - FLS

Flood Watch - FFA Hydrologic Outlook - ESF River Statement - RVS

The National Weather Service welcomes public feedback. If you have any questions or comments on these changes, please contact:

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