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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PORTLAND OR
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...THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 THROUGH 9 IS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS
WEEK IN IDAHO...OREGON...AND WASHINGTON...

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER WEATHER ?

A GOAL OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
ON WINTER STORMS WITH ENOUGH ADVANCED NOTICE TO ALLOW THE
PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO TAKE ACTIONS NEEDED TO PREPARE
FOR AND DEAL WITH ADVERSE AND SOMETIMES DANGEROUS WEATHER
CONDITIONS. AS THE THREAT OF SEVERE WINTER WEATHER GETS CLOSER
AND THE CONFIDENCE IN THE LOCATION AND TIMING OF THE EVENT
INCREASES THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL ISSUE VARIOUS
BULLETINS THAT BECOME INCREASINGLY MORE SPECIFIC. HERE IS WHAT
THEY MEAN AND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

WINTER STORM OUTLOOK... ISSUED FOR POTENTIAL WINTER HAZARDS
WHICH MAY DEVELOP IN THE NEXT 3 TO 7 DAYS. IT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION TO THOSE WHO NEED CONSIDERABLE LEAD TIME TO PREPARE
FOR THE EVENT. YOU SHOULD STAY TUNED TO LOCAL MEDIA OR NOAA
WEATHER RADIO FOR UPDATES. EVALUATE YOUR EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
AND THE RESOURCES YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOME AND CAR TO DEAL WITH A
WINTER STORM.

WINTER STORM WATCH... IS USED WHEN THE RISK OF HAZARDOUS WINTER
WEATHER HAS INCREASED... BUT OCCURRENCE... LOCATION AND TIMING IS
STILL SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN. A WATCH IS ISSUED WHEN THERE IS A
SIGNIFICANT THREAT OF SEVERE WINTER WEATHER IN THE NEXT 12 TO 48
HOURS. YOU SHOULD PREPARE NOW AND ASSURE THAT ALL EMERGENCY
PLANS AND RESOURCES ARE IN PLACE.

WINTER STORM WARNING... IS ISSUED WHEN A HAZARDOUS WINTER EVENT
IS OCCURRING... IS IMMINENT... OR HAS A VERY HIGH PROBABILITY OF
OCCURRENCE. A WARNING IS USED FOR CONDITIONS POSING A THREAT TO
LIFE AND PROPERTY. YOU SHOULD ACT NOW. STAY INDOORS IF POSSIBLE
UNTIL THE STORM ENDS. LIMIT ANY TRAVEL TO ONLY WHAT IS ESSENTIAL.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY... IS ISSUED FOR LESS SERIOUS WINTER
WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT INCONVENIENCE.

IF YOU ARE CAUTIOUS... THESE SITUATIONS SHOULD NOT BE LIFE
THREATENING.

THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE STAFF AND YOUR LOCAL AND STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICIALS.