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Dust Storm Warning

URGENT - WEATHER MESSAGE
 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PHOENIX AZ
 1228 PM MST TUE DEC 22 2009

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 LOWER COLORADO RIVER VALLEY AZ-YUMA/MARTINEZ LAKE AND VICINITY-
 SOUTHWEST DESERTS-SOUTHWEST MARICOPA COUNTY-
 NORTHWEST AND NORTH CENTRAL PINAL COUNTY-
 LOWER COLORADO RIVER VALLEY CA-
 INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...EHRENBERG...PARKER...FORTUNA FOOTHILLS...
 YUMA...TACNA...WELLTON...GILA BEND...APACHE JUNCTION...CASA GRANDE...
 FLORENCE...BLYTHE
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...DUST STORM WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 5 PM MST /4 PM PST/ THIS
 AFTERNOON...

...WIND ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL MIDNIGHT MST /11 PM PST/
 TONIGHT...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PHOENIX HAS ISSUED A DUST STORM
 WARNING...WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 5 PM MST /4 PM PST/ THIS
 AFTERNOON. A WIND ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL MIDNIGHT MST
 /11 PM PST/ TONIGHT.

THE DUST STORM WARNING...
 IS MAINLY FOR THE COLORADO RIVER AREA...YUMA COUNTY ESPECIALLY
 INTERSTATE 8...SOUTHWEST MARICOPA COUNTY INCLUDING AREAS NEAR
 INTERSTATE 8 AND GILA BEND...AND NORTHERN PINAL COUNTY ALONG
 INTERSTATE 10 BETWEEN CHANDLER AND CASA GRANDE. BLOWING DUST AT TIMES
 COULD LIMIT VISIBILITIES TO LESS THAN 1/4 MILE AT TIMES.

- * A VERY STRONG COLD FRONT WILL MOVE THROUGH THE REGION THIS
 AFTERNOON AND EVENING.
- * TIMING: WINDS WILL STEADILY INCREASE THROUGH THE DAY TODAY. THE
 STRONGEST WINDS ARE EXPECTED BETWEEN NOON AND 11 PM PST.
- * WINDS: WEST WINDS OF 25 TO 45 MPH ARE EXPECTED TODAY AND EARLY
 TONIGHT.
- * IMPACTS: STRONG WINDS WILL NOT ONLY LEAD TO DANGEROUS DRIVING AND
 BOATING CONDITIONS...BUT ALSO REDUCED VISIBILITIES IN DENSE
 BLOWING DUST AND SAND.

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PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WIND ADVISORY MEANS THAT SUSTAINED WIND SPEEDS OF BETWEEN 30 AND 40 MPH ARE EXPECTED...OR WIND GUSTS OF BETWEEN 40 AND 50 MPH. WINDS THIS STRONG CAN MAKE DRIVING DIFFICULT...ESPECIALLY FOR HIGH PROFILE VEHICLES. IN ADDITION...STRONG WINDS OVER DESERT AREAS COULD RESULT IN BRIEFLY LOWERED VISIBILITIES TO WELL UNDER A MILE AT TIMES IN BLOWING DUST OR BLOWING SAND. USE EXTRA CAUTION.

A DUST STORM WARNING IS ISSUED WHEN WINDS HAVE GENERATED LARGE AREAS OF BLOWING DUST OR BLOWING SAND THAT HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED VISIBILITIES...TO 1/4 MILE OR LESS...RESULTING IN HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS IN SOME AREAS. BE READY FOR A SUDDEN DROP IN VISIBILITY TO NEAR ZERO. USE EXTRA CAUTION AND SLOW DOWN WHILE DRIVING...AS OBJECTS ON AND NEAR ROADWAYS WILL BE SEEN ONLY AT CLOSE RANGE. IF YOU ENCOUNTER BLOWING DUST OR BLOWING SAND ON THE ROADWAY OR SEE IT APPROACHING...PULL OFF THE ROAD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND PUT YOUR VEHICLE IN PARK. TURN THE LIGHTS ALL THE WAY OFF AND KEEP YOUR FOOT OFF THE BRAKE PEDAL.

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