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Posted by JP on Wed, 19 Dec 2012 22:10:28 GMT
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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2012 04:22:45 GMT
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Thanks Wayne! will try those options

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Its a problem with the chunks of data as wlandsman said.
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