

Notification of Proposed Changes to NWS Information Services

Release Date: May 29, 2009

Background: Policies of the National Weather Service (NWS) require adequate notice when NWS is considering initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information services. Pursuant to these policies, NWS is providing notice of intent to change the information services listed below. **Latest updates are highlighted.**

I. Proposed Changes:

A. Experimental Information Services or Modifications Proposed for Operations

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<u>Service Name</u>	<u>Comment Close Date</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
National Digital Forecast Database User Defined GRIB2 files	1/1/2005	Robert Bunge robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x140
Experimental Snowfall Intensity Outlook	4/1/2006	Ron Murphy Ron.Murphy@noaa.gov 607-729-1597
Termination of Solar Wind Data and Changes to Associated Products	5/18/2006	Beth McNulty solar.wind.comments@noaa.gov 301-713-1726 x116
Ridge Image and Warning Output to KML/KMZ	8/30/2006	Robert Bunge robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x140
Use of KML/KMZ as NWS standard GIS format	12/31/2006	Robert Bunge robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x140
Alaska Region NDFD Grids	4/7/2007	Duane Carpenter duane.carpenter@noaa.gov 907-271-5127

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Experimental Gridded Significant Wave Heights	5/31/2007	Timothy Schott timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x122
Proposed Change in Forecast Trend Categories for US Drought Outlook	6/1/2007	Doug LeComte Douglas.lecomte@noaa.gov 301-763-8000x7567
Weather, Water, and Climate Information Podcasts	8/31/2007	Herb White Herbert.White@noaa.gov 301-713-0090 x146
Experimental National Ceiling and Visibility Analysis Product	10/6/2007	Ronald Olson ronald.olson@noaa.gov 816-584-7200 x 239
Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA), Update 1 (Alaska coverage)	4/20/2008	Lee Anderson lee.anderson@noaa.gov 301-713-1975x124
Experimental Gridded Significant Wave Heights, Update 1	5/31/2008	Timothy Schott timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x122
Experimental Western Region Fire Weather/Marine Point Forecast Matrix (PFM)	6/1/2008	Rich Douglas rich.douglas@noaa.gov 801-524-4000x262
Experimental Miami Approach and Departure Gates Forecast Product	7/31/2008	John E. Wright John.E.Wright@noaa.gov 305-716-1634
Experimental NCEP RTMA Grids for Hawaii and Puerto Rico Areas	11/24/2008	Geoff DiMego Geoff.dimego@noaa.gov 208-763-8000 x 7221
Experimental Tropical Cyclone Hazards Graphics, Update 2	11/30/2008	Timothy Schott timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x122
Experimental Observed Precipitation Map	1/1/2009	Edwin Danaher Edwin.Danaher@noaa.gov 301-763-8000 x 7354

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Experimental Hazards Grids in the National Digital Forecast Database	1/8/2009	Mark Tew mark.tew@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x103
Experimental Southern Region Multi-Sensor Precipitation Estimates Web-Based Service	1/31/2009	Judson Ladd judson.ladd@noaa.gov 817-978-1100x109
Experimental Carolinas Coast/Southeastern Marine Web Portal, Update 1	1/31/2009	Michael Caropolo Michael.caropolo@noaa.gov 910-762-4289
Addition of Products Derived from FAA Terminal Doppler Weather Radar to SBN/NOAAPORT and RPCCDS	1/31/2009	Michael Istok Michael.istok@noaa.gov 301-713-0763x103
Experimental National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) Day 4 to 8 Convective Outlook Elements	2/28/2009	John Ferree john.t.ferree@noaa.gov 405-325-2209
Experimental Modeled Soil Saturation Index	3/1/2009	Mike Tunncliff Mike.Tunncliff@noaa.gov (816) 540-5151
Experimental NWR on the WEB WFO Mt.Holly	3/2/2009	Dan Hagarty Daniel.Hagarty@noaa.gov 609-261-66602 x235
GovDelivery – Southeast River Forecast Center (SERFC) Subscription Service	3/31/2009	John Feldt John.feldt@noaa.gov 770-486-0028x322
Experimental Palm Beach Tracon Approach and Departure Gates Forecast	3/31/2009	John E. Wright John.E.Wright@noaa.gov 305-716-1634
NCEP Model Analysis and Forecast (March 2009 changes)	4/3/2009	Lauren Morone Lauren.Morone@noaa.gov 301-763-8000x7010
Experimental Bulleted Winter Weather and Non-Precipitation Statements	4/30/2009	Brian Brong Brian.Brong@noaa.gov 775-673-8100

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Experimental RIDGE Radar Version 2 Beta Displays	5/27/2009	Paul Kirkwood Paul.kirkwood@noaa.gov 817-978-1100x145
Experimental Cold Advisory for Newborn Livestock (CANL) Graphic	5/31/2009	Tanja Fransen Tanja.Fransen@noaa.gov 406-228-4042
Experimental Western Region Standardized Fire Weather Web Pages	6/1/2009	Roger Lamoni Roger.lamoni@noaa.gov 801-524-4000
Experimental D Region Absorption Prediction, Release 2	6/30/2009	Steven Hill steven.hill@noaa.gov 303-497-3283
Experimental Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis – Surface Pressure, Surface Pressure Uncertainty, and Model Terrain Height	6/30/2009	Jamie Vavra Jamie.Vavra@noaa.gov 301-713-3557 x 162
Experimental Central Region Multimedia Weather Briefing	7/31/2009	Kim Runk Kim.Runk@noaa.gov 816-268-3140
Graphical Area Forecast (GFA), Update 1	9/30/2009	Dorothy Haldeman dorothy.haldeman@noaa.gov 301-713-1726x130
NWS Warning Alert Messaging Services via Mobile Device Technologies, Update 1	9/30/2009	Andy Edman andy.edman@noaa.gov 801-524-5131
Experimental 10 Percent Probability of Exceedance Wind Gust Grid (G10)	9/30/2009	Ryan Knutsvig ryan.knutsvig@noaa.gov 775-778-6716
Experimental Grid-based Emergency Communications Center Dispatch Area (ECCDA) Forecast Summaries, or ECCDA Radio	10/1/2009	Roger Lamoni Roger.lamoni@noaa.gov 801-524-4000
NDFD Experimental Web Feature Service	10/31/2009	John Schattel john.schattel@noaa.gov 301-713-0056x111

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Enhanced Product- Use of 1 inch Diameter Hail as a Criterion for Severe Thunderstorm Warnings in NWS Central Region	10/31/2009	Kim Runk Kim.Runk@noaa.gov 816-268-3140
Experimental Recently Updated Grids Service	10/31/2009	John Schattel john.schattel@noaa.gov 301-713-0056x111
Experimental Multi-Format Marine Forecast Information Web Page for Coastal WFOs	11/30/2009	Robert Bunge robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x140
Experimental Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities (TCSWSP) for the North Pacific Ocean in the NDFD, Update 1	11/30/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677 x122
Experimental Tropical Cyclone Wind Field Graphic Central Pacific	11/30/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677 x122
Experimental Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook (GTW)-Central Pacific	11/30/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677 x122
Experimental Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale Revision	11/30/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677 x122
Experimental Offshore Forecast for Arctic Alaskan Waters	11/30/2009	John Dragomir John.dragomir@noaa.gov 907-458-3704
NWS Watches, Warnings, and Advisories Using CAP Format Version 1.1	12/1/2009	Robert Bunge Robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x 140
Experimental Instant Messaging (IM) for NWS (NWSChat)	12/15/2009	Carlos Diaz Carlos.diaz@noaa.gov 301-713-1373
Experimental Polygon Special Weather Statement WFO Blacksburg and WFO State College	12/31/2009	Fred McMullen Fred.mcmullen@noaa.gov 631-244-0125

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Experimental Google LSR Webpage Product WFO State College	12/31/2009	Ron Holmes Ron.holmes@noaa.gov 814-231-2400
Experimental Google Map Display Service of NWS Weather Data	1/15/2010	Roger Lamoni Roger.lamoni@noaa.gov 801-524-4000
Experimental Enhanced Thunder Product, Update 2	2/5/2010	Russ Schneider russell.schneider@noaa.gov 405-325-2066
Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA), Update 2	3/24/2010	Jamie Vavra Jamie.Vavra@noaa.gov 301-713-3557 x 162

B. Operational Information Services Proposed for Termination

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Termination of Solar Wind Data and Changes to Associated Products	5/18/2006	Beth McNulty solar.wind.comments@noaa.gov 301-713-1726 x116

II. Notice of Recent Decisions Made:

A. Experimental Information Services or Modifications Transitioned to Operations

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Proposed Upgrade to Short Range Ensemble Forecast (SREF)	7/6/2009	Dan Starosta Daniel.starosta@noaa.gov 301-713-0864 x 171
Experimental NWS web services via wireless technologies (national scope)	7/1/2009	Robert Bunge robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x140
Experimental Water Resources Outlook Multi-Media Briefing	6/3/2009	Ben Weiger ben.weiger@noaa.gov (817) 978-1100x118
Experimental Probabilistic Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge, Update 2	6/1/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x122
Experimental Sacramento WRF NMM Model Output	5/22/2009	Chris Hintz, Holly Osborne chris.hintz@noaa.gov 916-979-3041
Experimental Lightning Potential Index	5/19/2009	Douglas Crowley doug.crowley@noaa.gov 970-243-7007
Experimental Weekend Weather Graphic	5/19/2009	Daniel McCarthy Daniel.Mccarthy@noaa.gov 317-856-0360
Experimental Tropical Cyclone Wind Field Graphic	5/15/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x122
Experimental Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook, Update 1	5/15/2009	Timothy Schott Timothy.schott@noaa.gov 301-713-1677x122

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Experimental Fire Weather Point Forecast Matrix	5/1/2009	Larry Garbic Larry.garbic@noaa.gov 864-848-9970
National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) Convective Outlook Hazard Probability Elements	4/30/2009	John Ferree john.t.ferree@noaa.gov 405-325-2209
Experimental Graphical Convective Outlook for the Alaska FIR	4/30/2009	Tony Hall Tony.hall@noaa.gov 907-266-5116
Experimental 7-Day Evapotranspiration Forecast	4/2/2009	Carl Gorski carl.gorski@noaa.gov 801-524-4000x262
NWS Warnings Using Geographic Information Systems	4/1/2009	Ken Waters ken.waters@noaa.gov 602-275-7002 x 223

B. Experimental Information Services Terminated

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NWS Watches, Warnings and Advisories Using RSS and CAP XML Based Formats	To be phased out and replaced with updated capabilities by 12/31/2009. See replacement-- NWS Watches, Warnings, and Advisories Using CAP Format Version 1.1	Robert Bunge robert.bunge@noaa.gov 301-713-1381 x140

Experimental Expanded Point
Forecast Matrix Webpage
Product

5/31/2009

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C. Operational Information Services Terminated/To be Terminated

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Proposed Termination of South Texas Weather Summary (RWSTX) Products	6/1/2009	Art Thomas art.thomas@noaa.gov 301-713-1867x193
Proposed Termination of Travelers Forecast	4/15/2009	Andy Horvitz Andy.horvitz@noaa.gov 301-713-1858x166
Proposed Termination of the NGM and Related NGM- Based Products	3/3/2009	Douglas Hilderbrand Douglas.hilderbrand@noaa.gov 301-713-3557 x 179

D. Other

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