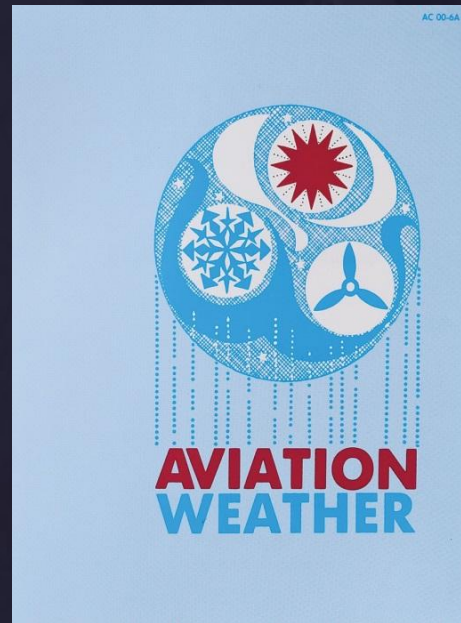


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Topics covered

- Pennsylvania Aviation
- NWS Aviation Services
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Let's keep this interactive and laid back

- Ask Questions
- Comments Welcome





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NWS Offices Nationwide





NWS Background



Issues weather and water forecasts

- Public
 - Daily
 - Long Range
 - Severe weather
 - Aviation
- Rivers
- Coastal / Marine

Issues weather warnings

- Tornado, Severe Thunderstorms, Flooding
- Special Marine
- Aviation - Icing, Turbulence, Convection





NWS Background



- **NWS in the Aviation Community**
 - National: Aviation Weather Center (AWC)
 - Regional: Center Weather Service Units (CWSUs)
 - Local: NWS Offices





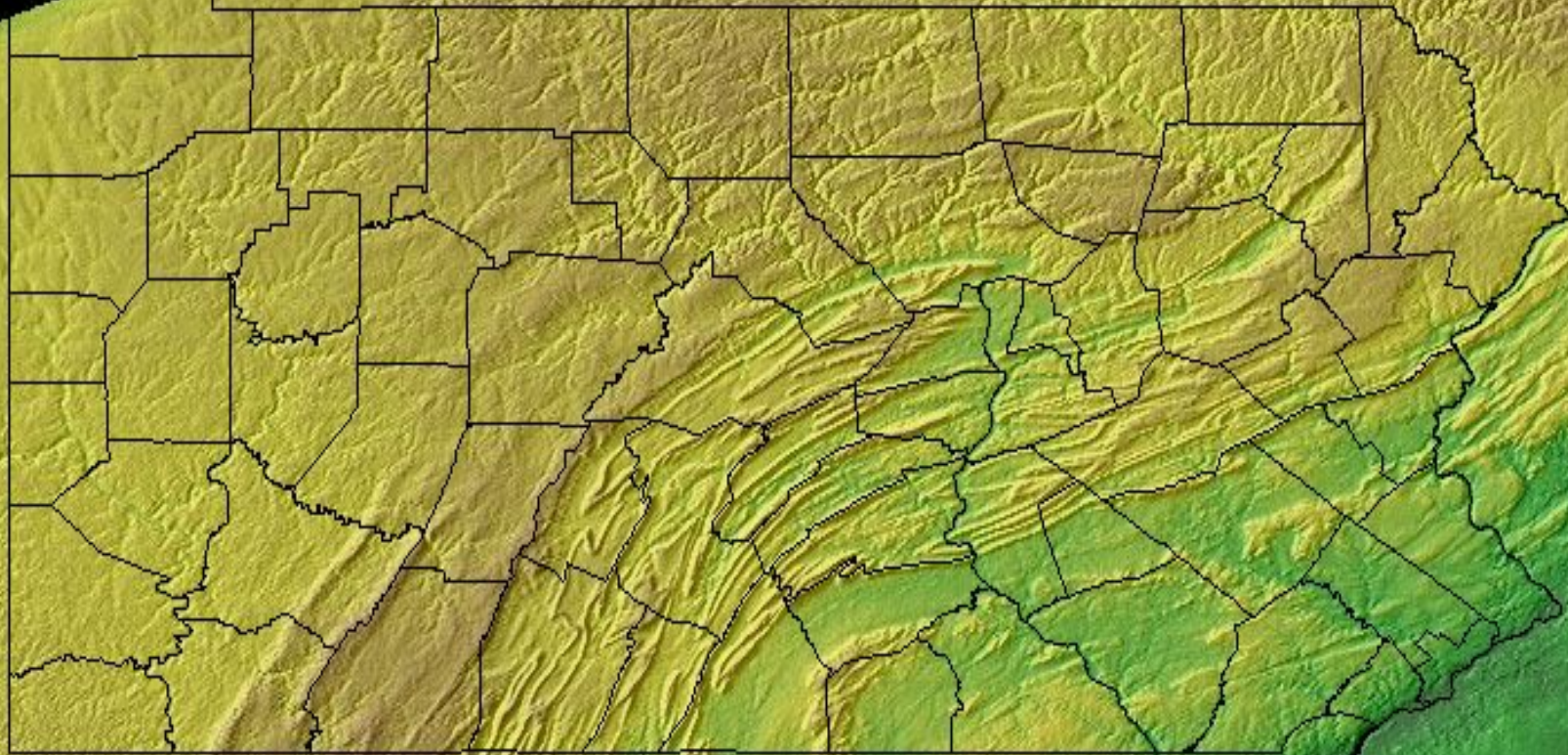
Aviation in PA



- Pennsylvania is a challenging place for General Aviation
 - Topography
 - Long rolling ridges and deep valleys
 - Weather
 - Low Ceilings and reduced visibility
 - Icing in clouds
 - Thunderstorms in summer



PA Ridges and Valleys

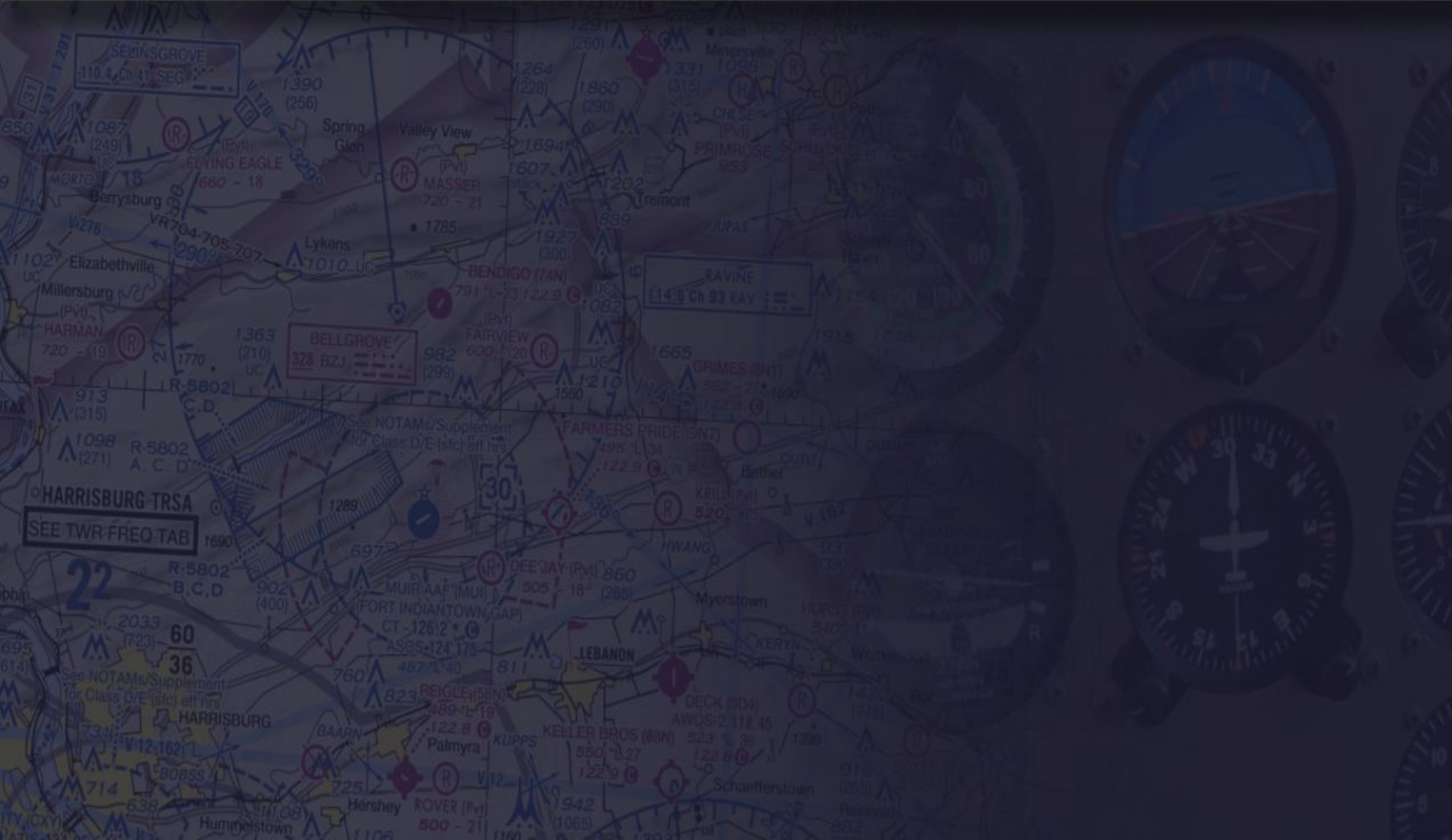


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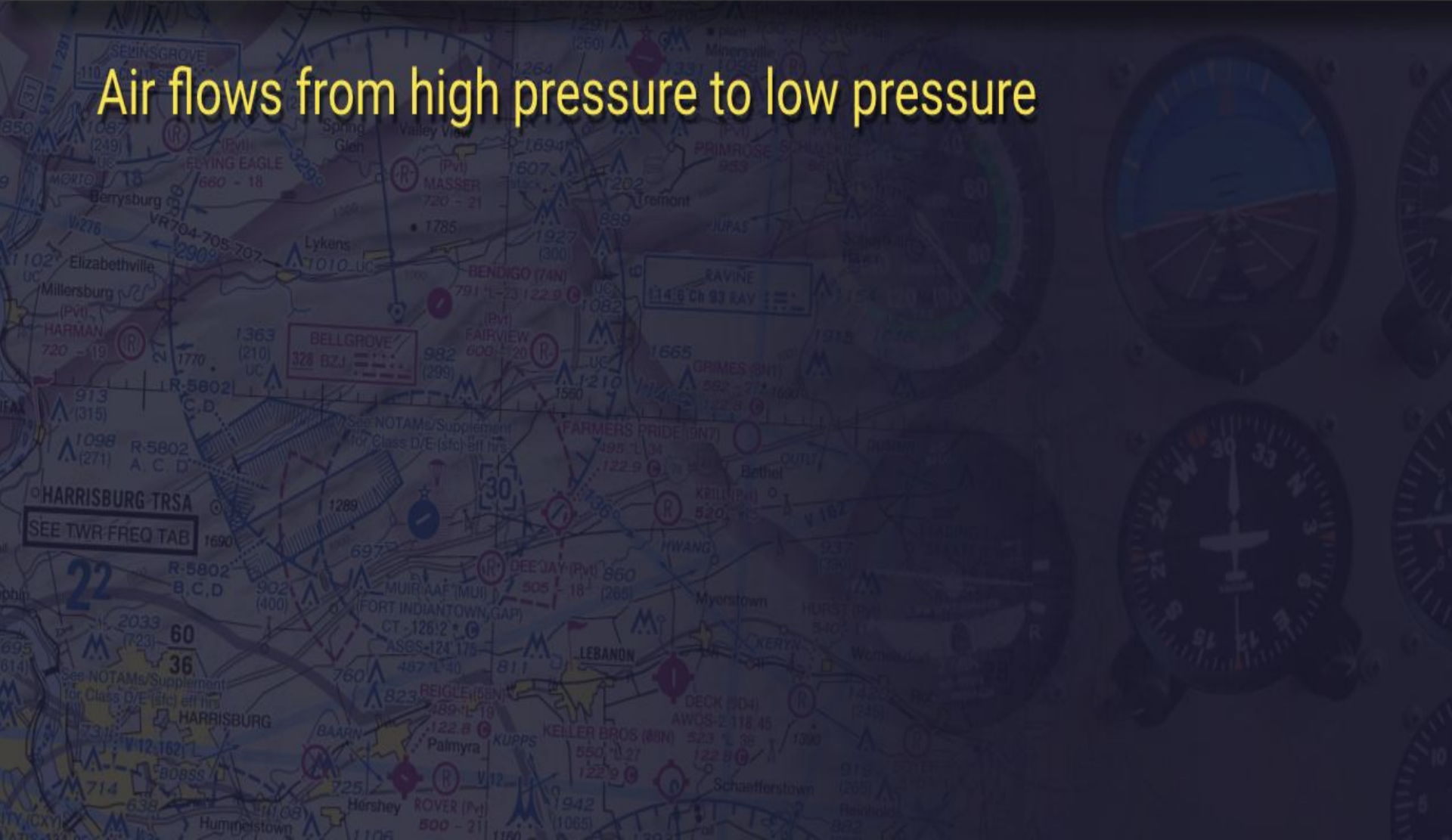


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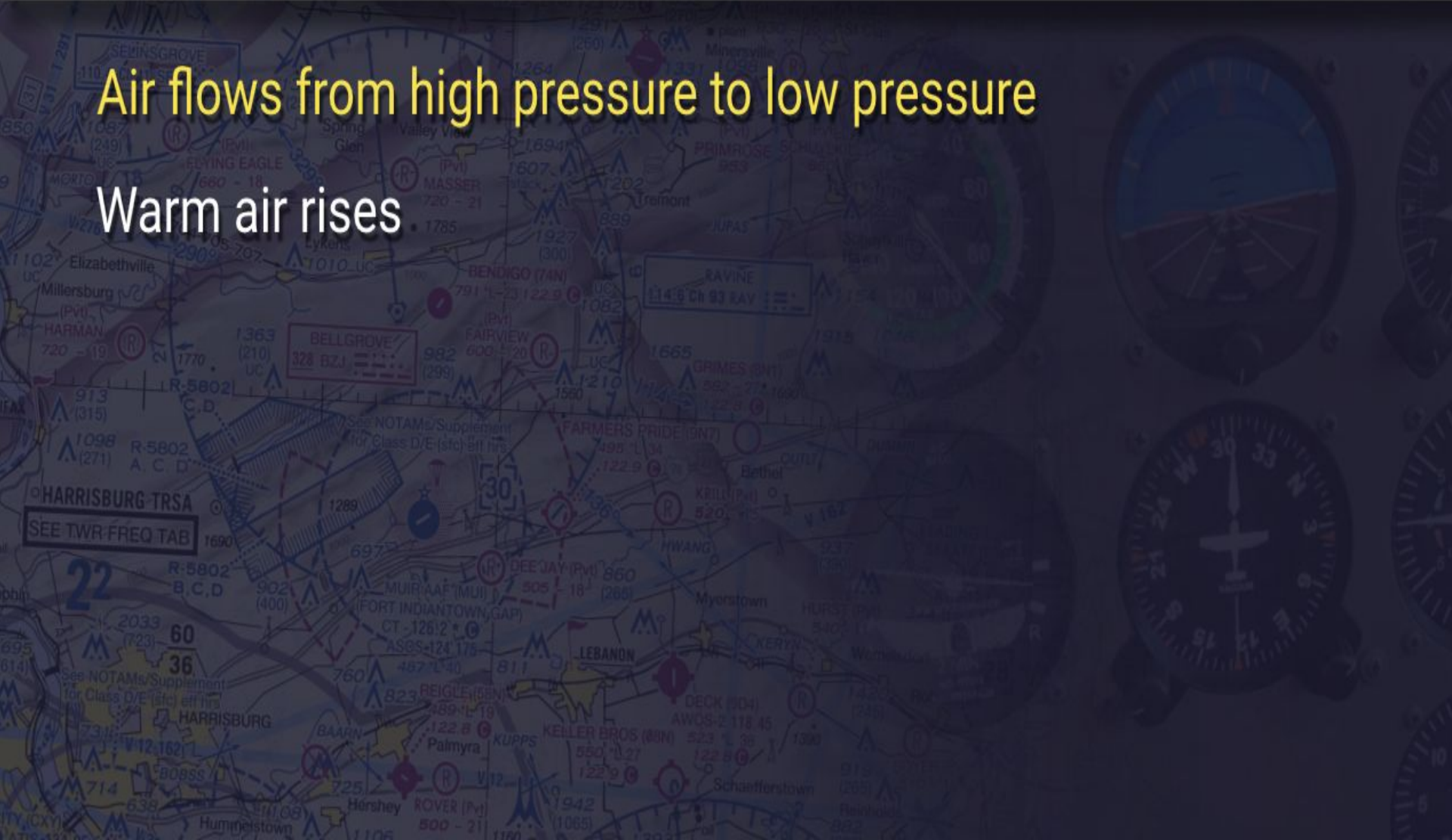




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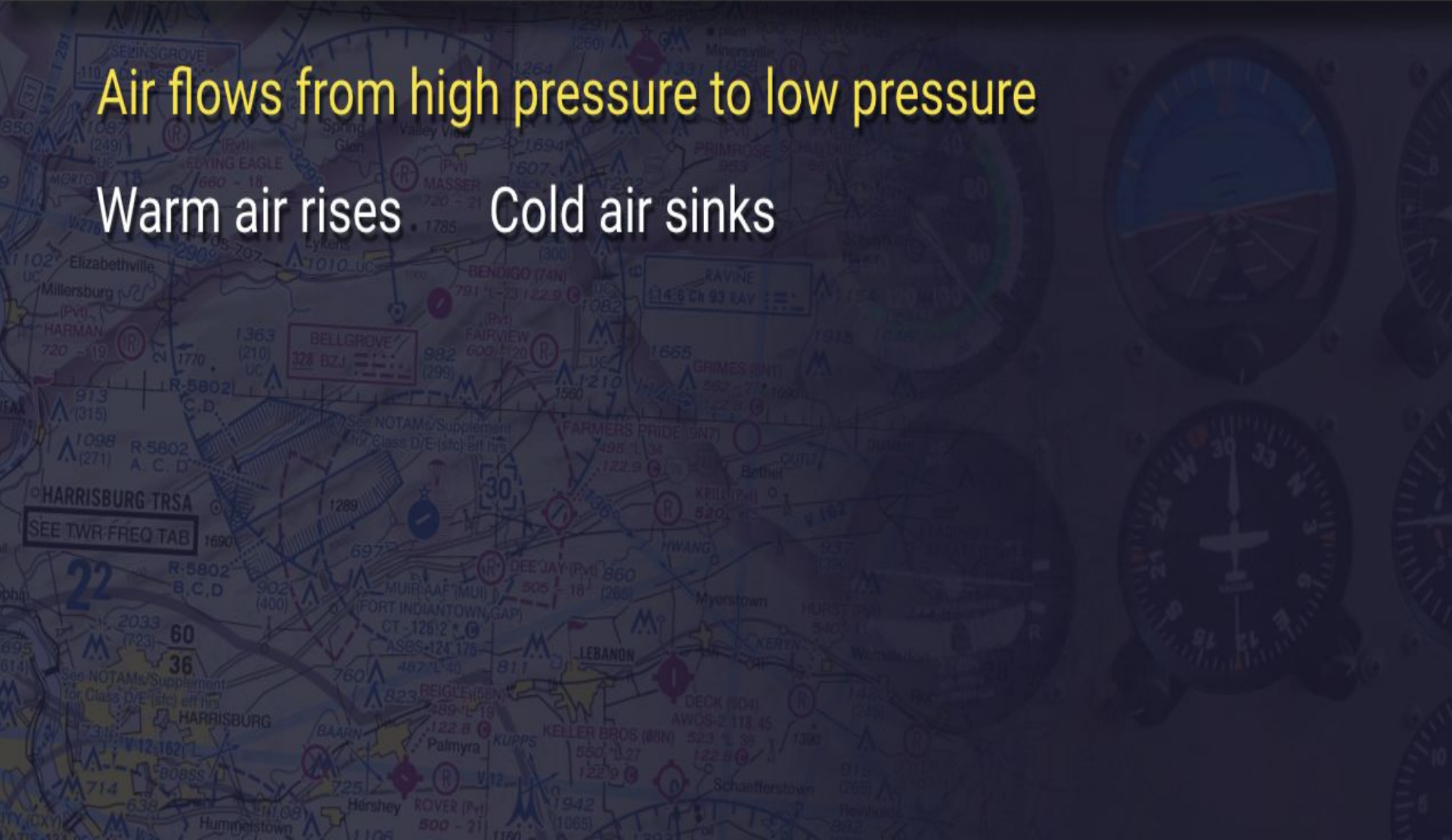




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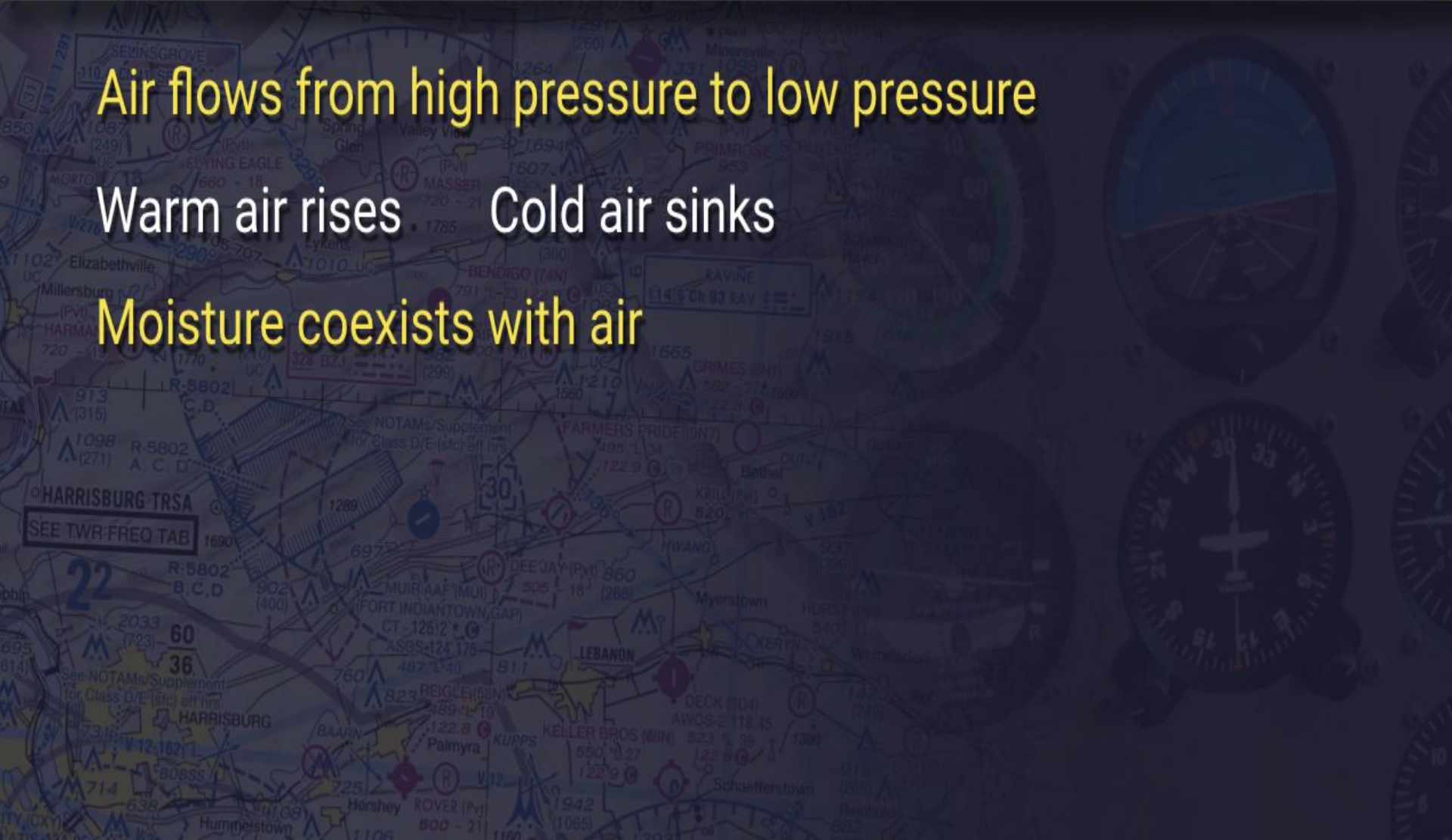


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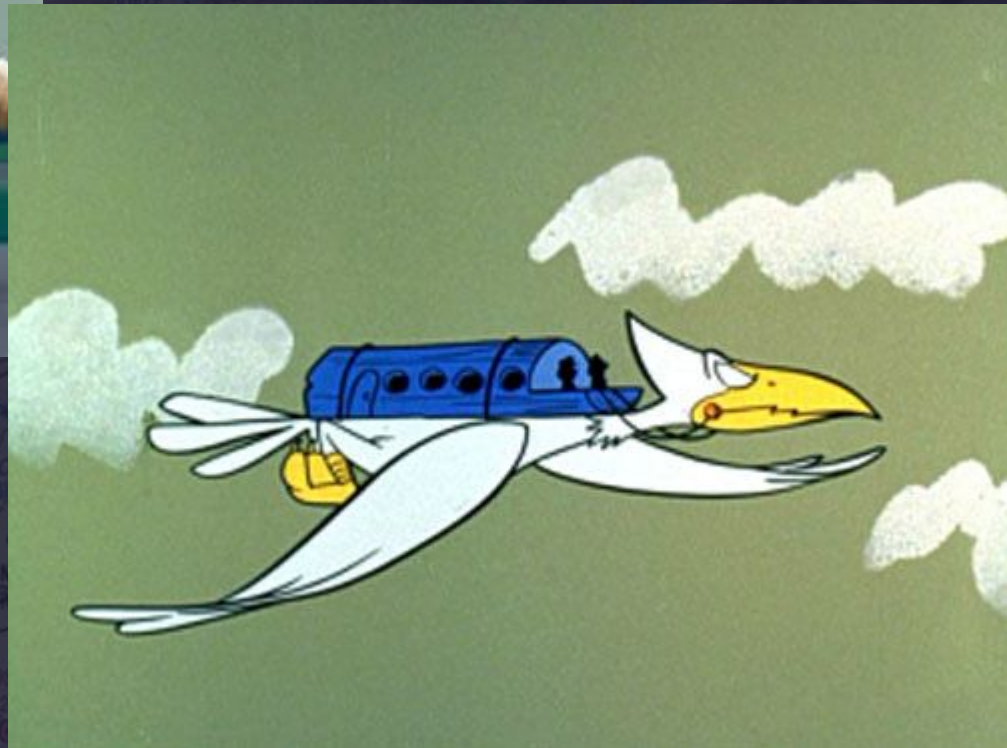
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Laws of physics apply to the atmosphere



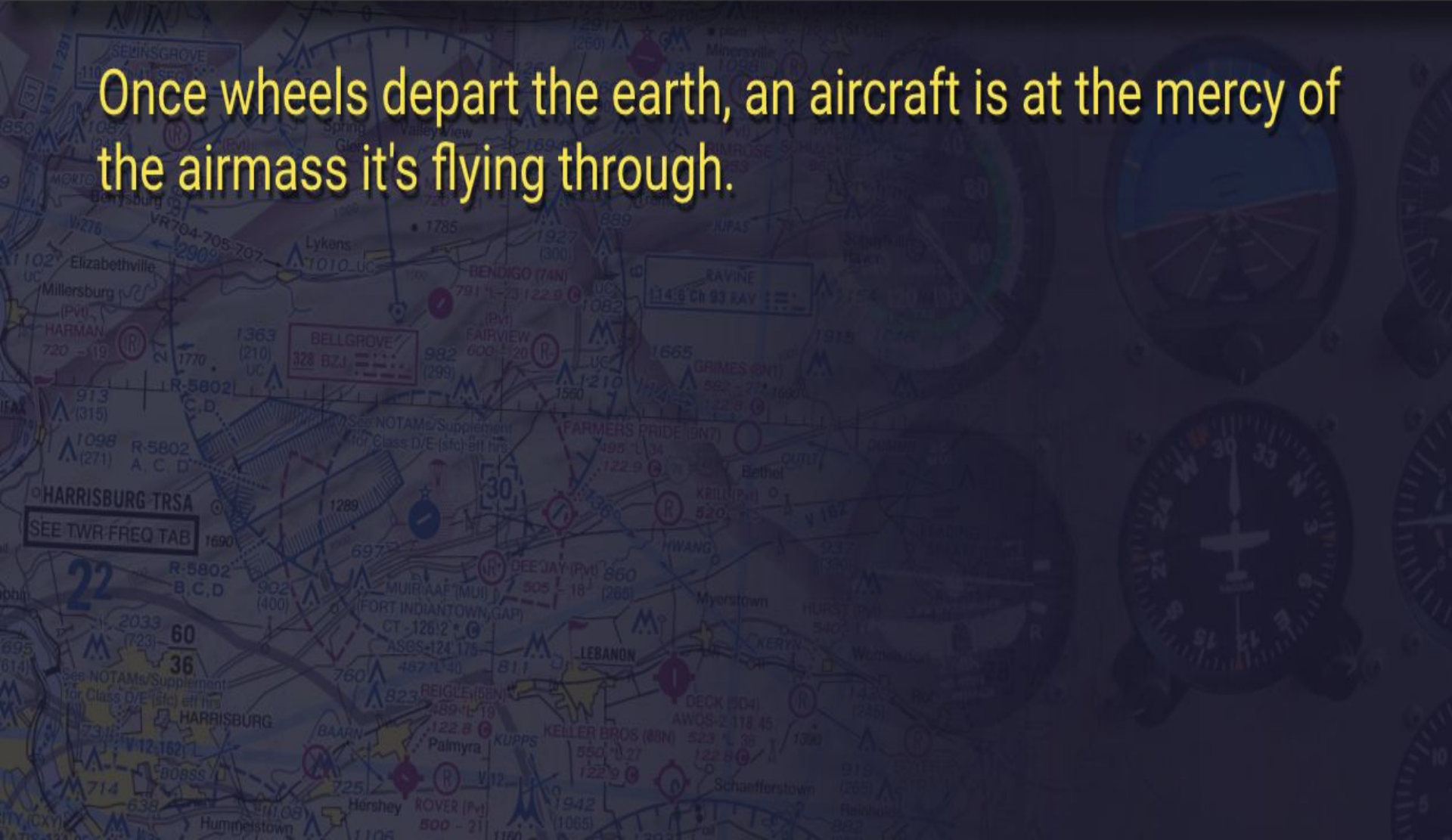
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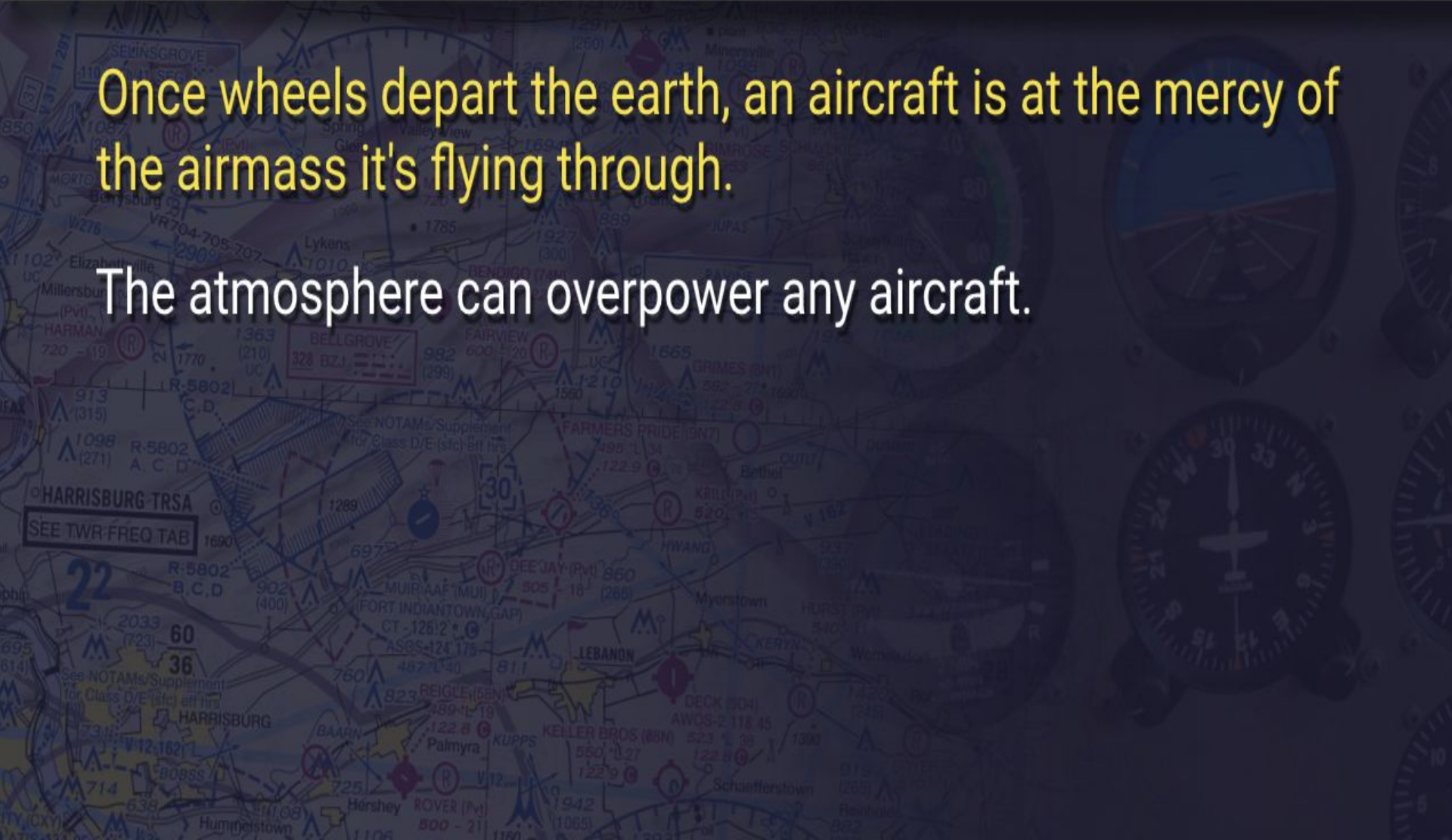




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If you don't have enough air going over the wings, gravity always wins.



Aviation in PA - CIGS and VSBY



- Definitions:

- Proper Ceilings and Visibility are most important for visual flight flying
- Ceiling - measurement of the height of the base of the lowest cloud deck that cover more than half of the sky
- Visibility - measure of the distance at which an object can be clearly discerned





Aviation in PA - Observations



- ASOS: Automated Surface Observing System
 - Used for aviation and general meteorological purposes (i.e. climate data)
 - Weather reported hourly
 - SPECIs issued when significant weather changes occur
 - Supported by observer who issues corrections (COR) to observation when needed (i.e. frozen precipitation correction).
 - Wind direction reported in magnetic direction
 - A02: means that the site is automated and HAS a precipitation sensor
 - A01 means there is no precipitation sensor. This does not mean the site is un-manned.
 - AUTO: in the metar observation, then there is no observer.
 - Maintained by NWS, DOD, and sometimes FAA





Aviation in PA - Observations



KJST 261151Z 31007KT 2SM +SN BKN005 02/02 A2994 RMK AO2
SLP139 60014 70036 T00210028 10211 20200 53001

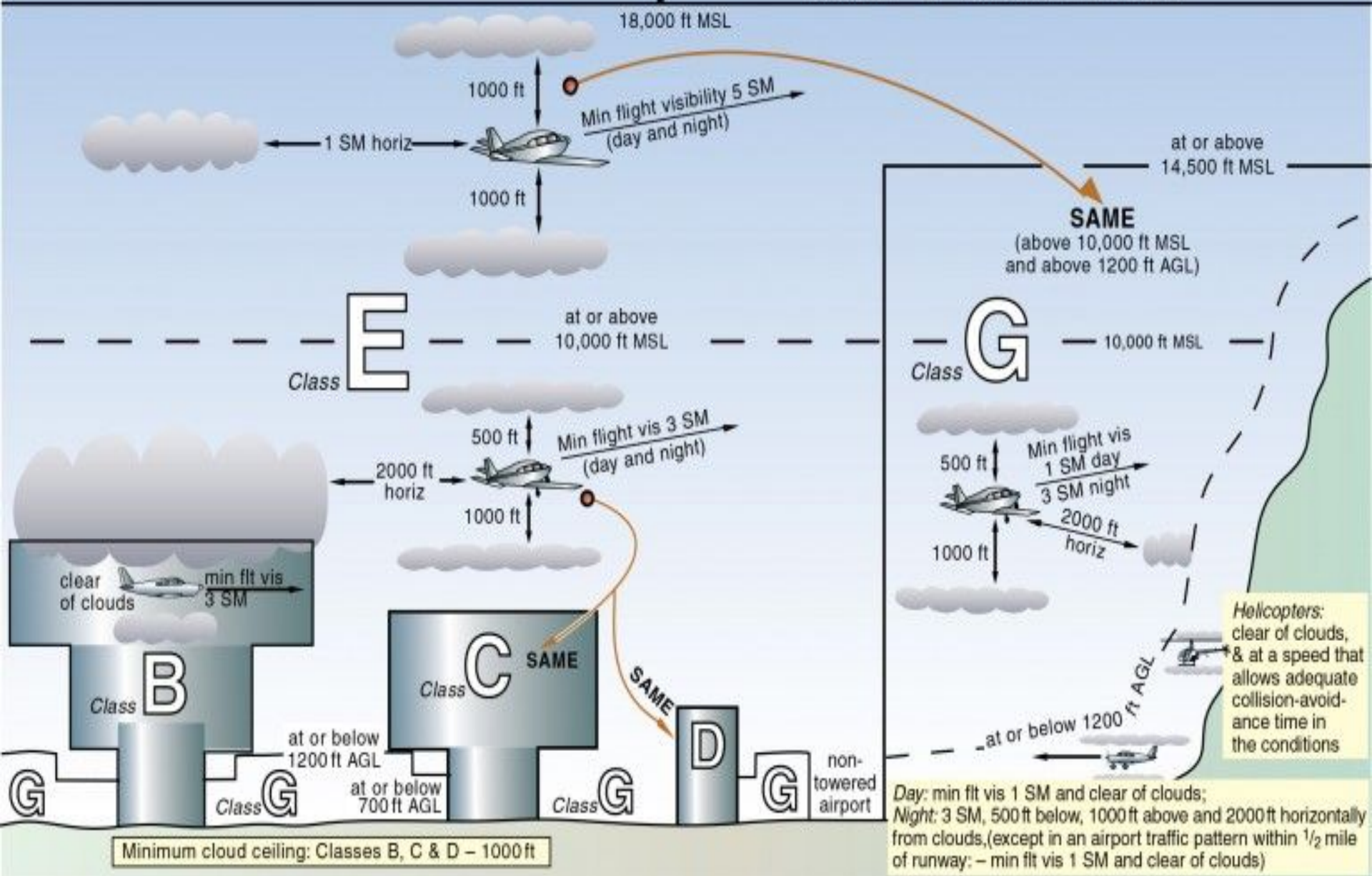
- Used for aviation and general meteorological purposes (i.e. climate data)
- KJST: Station Identifier - Johnstown Airport
- 261151Z: Date / Time in Zulu
- 2SM: Visibility in statute miles
- +SN: Precipitation type and intensity
- BKN005: Cloud base and height
- 02/02: Temperature / Dewpoint temperature (°C)
- A2994: Altimeter / Pressure (i.e. 29.94 inches of mercury)
- A02: indicates that the site is automated and HAS a precipitation sensor.
- AO1: indicates there is no precip sensor. This does not mean the site is un-manned. AUTO after the ID in the metar observation: there is no observer.
- SLP 139: pressure - 1030.9 hPA (millibars)
- 60014: 6 hourly precipitation
- 70036: 24 hourly precipitation
- T02060200: Temperature and Dewpoint to nearest tenth of a degree
- 10211: 6-hour maximum temperature
- 20200: 6-hour minimum temperature
- 53001: 3-hour pressure tendency – 30.01 Hg (inches of mercury)



VFR MINIMUMS

FL 600

Class **A** NOT AVAILABLE TO VFR



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PILOT VISIBILITIES



INFLIGHT
(AIR-TO-AIR)



SLANT RANGE
(AIR-TO-GROUND)



SURFACE



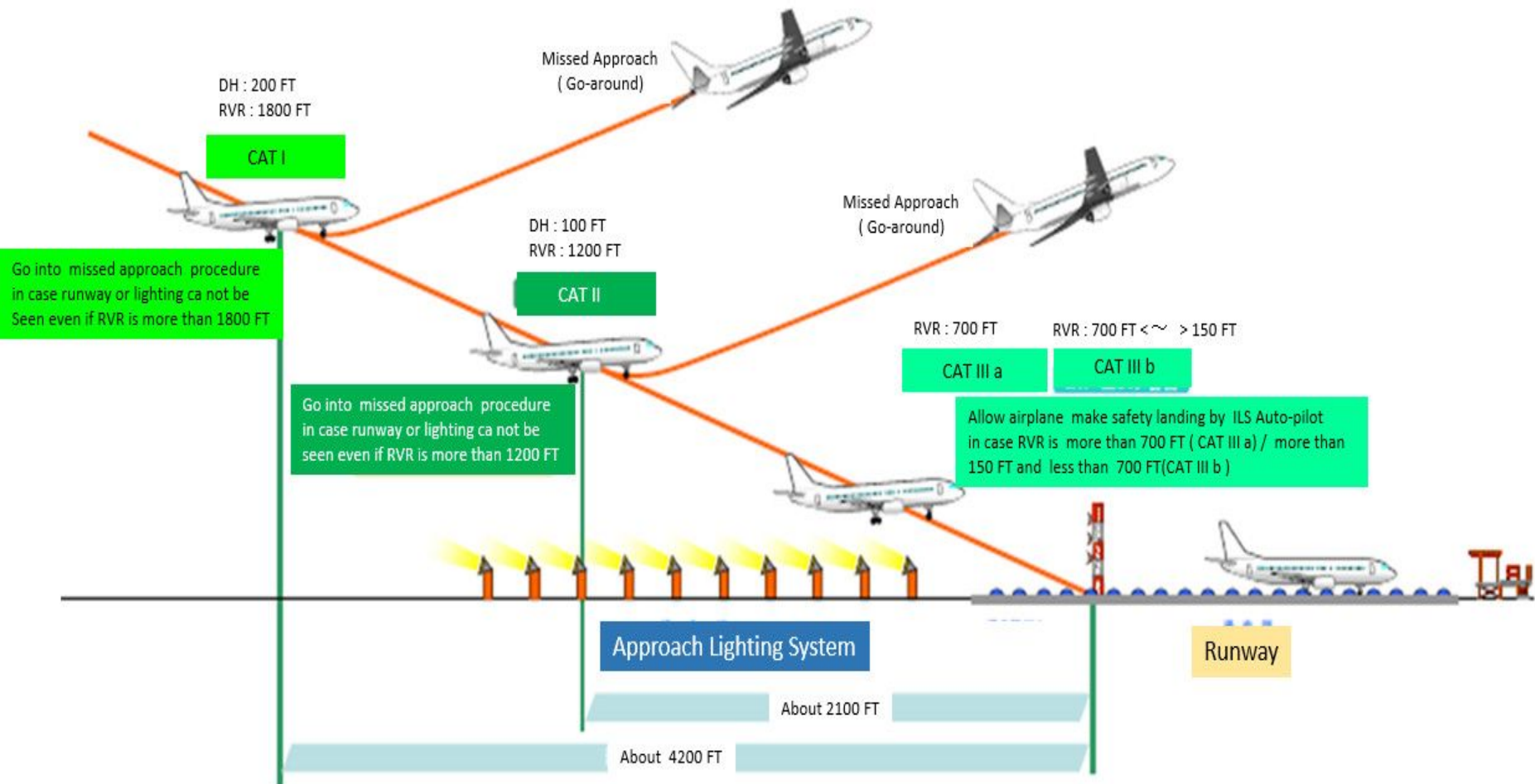


Figure : Ministry of Land ,Infrastructure , Transport and Tourism Japan
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Aviation in PA

TAF Amendments for Area Airports

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, PA							
	THRESH A	THRESH B	THRESH C	THRESH D	THRESH E	THRESH F	APPROACH
AOO	200 - 1/2	800 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS or LOC RWY 21
BFD	300 - 1	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS or LOC RWY 32
IPT	300 - 3/4	1000 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS or LOC RWY 27
JST	200 - 1/2	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		
LNS	200 - 1/2	700 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		
MDT	200 - 1/2	700 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		
UNV	200 - 1/2	800 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		

- CAT E- Additional fuel required when forecast <2000/3
- CAT D-MVFR
- CAT C-IFR
- CAT B- Airport can not be used as an alternate
- CAT A- Airfield minimums

PITTSBURGH, PA							
	THRESH A	THRESH B	THRESH C	THRESH D	THRESH E	THRESH F	APPROACH
AGC	200 - 3/4	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		
BVI	300 - 1	800 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		
DUJ	200 - 1/2	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		
FKL	200 - 1/2	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS RWY 21
HLG	200 - 1	700 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS RWY 03
LBE	200 - 1/2	1200 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS RWY 24
MGW	300 - 1/2	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS RWY 18
PIT	200 - 1/2	400 - 1	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS RWY 10L, 10R, 28L, 28R
ZZV	200 - 3/4	600 - 2	1000 - 3	3000 - 5	2000 - 3		ILS RWY 22



Aviation in PA



- Definitions:

- LIFR - Low Instrument Flight Rules
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Time for a poll question!



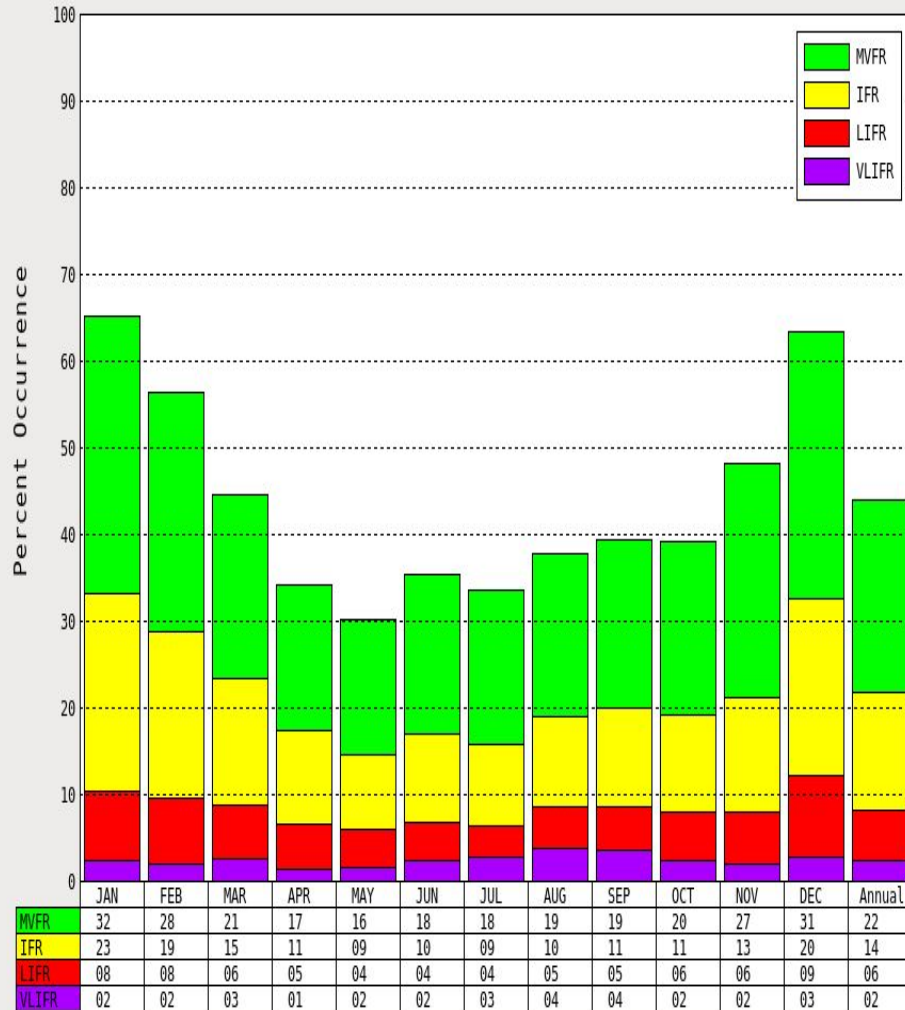
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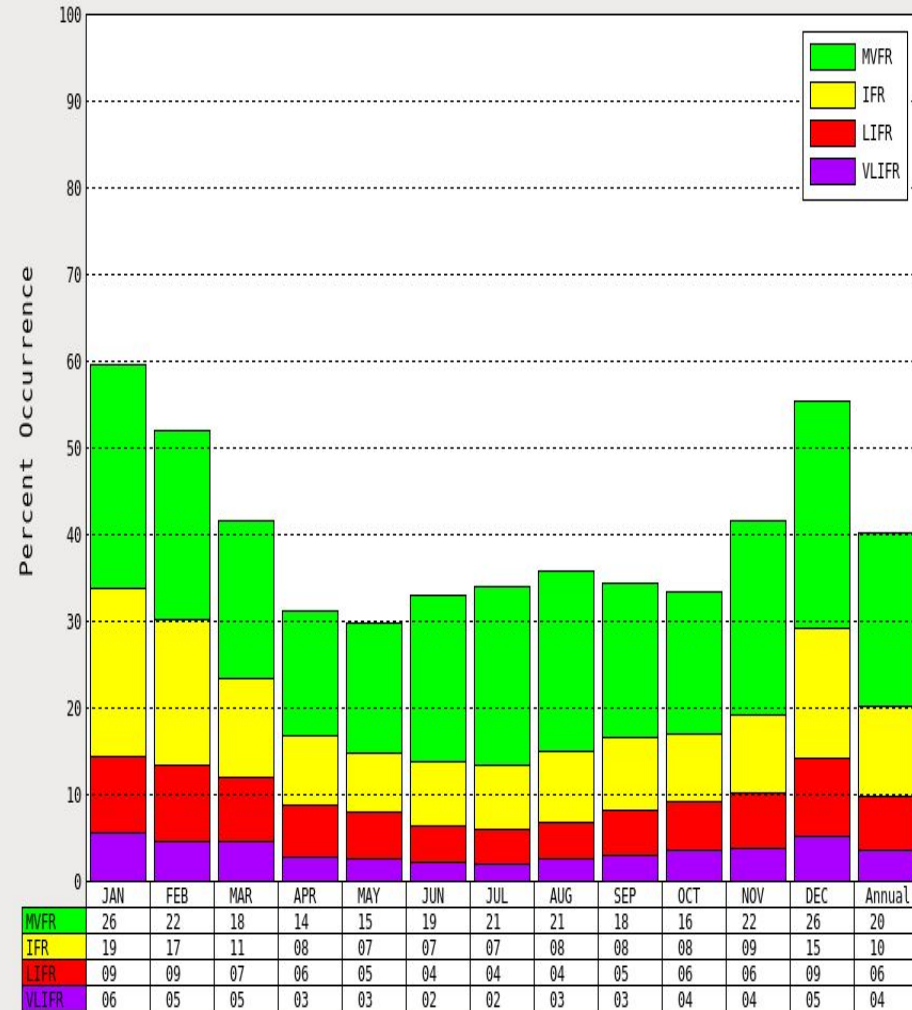
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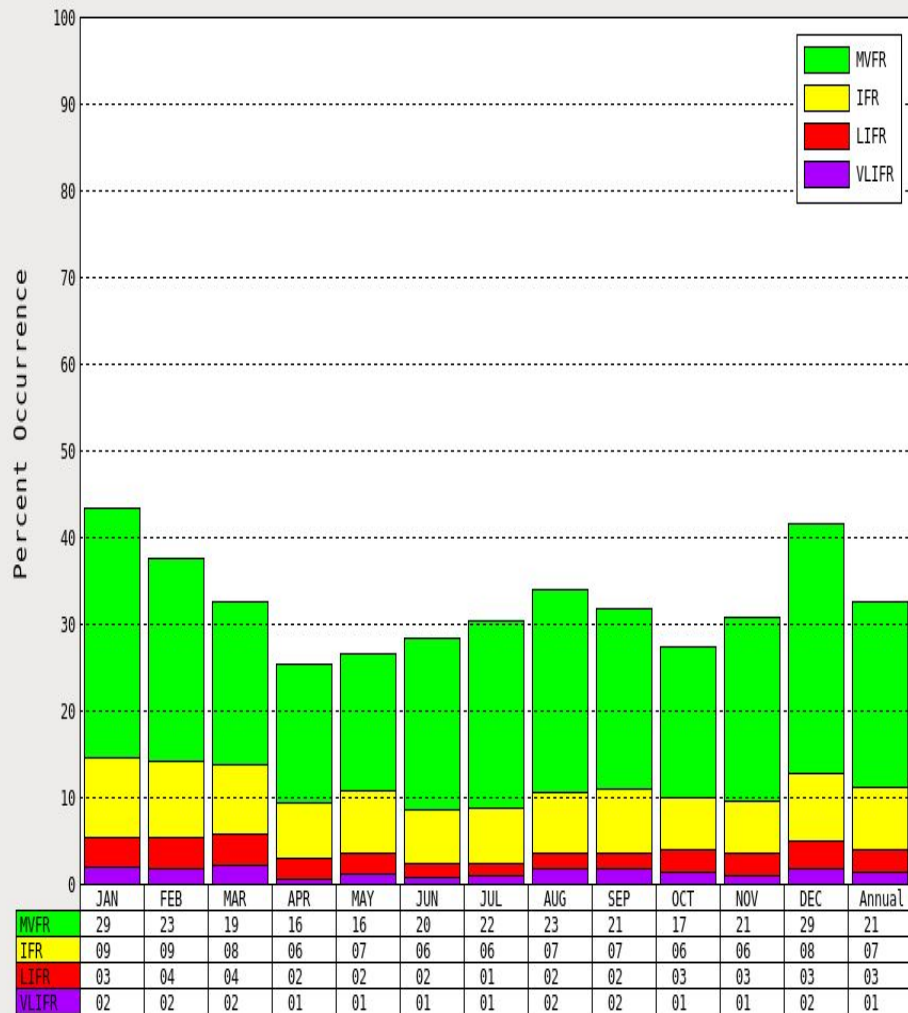




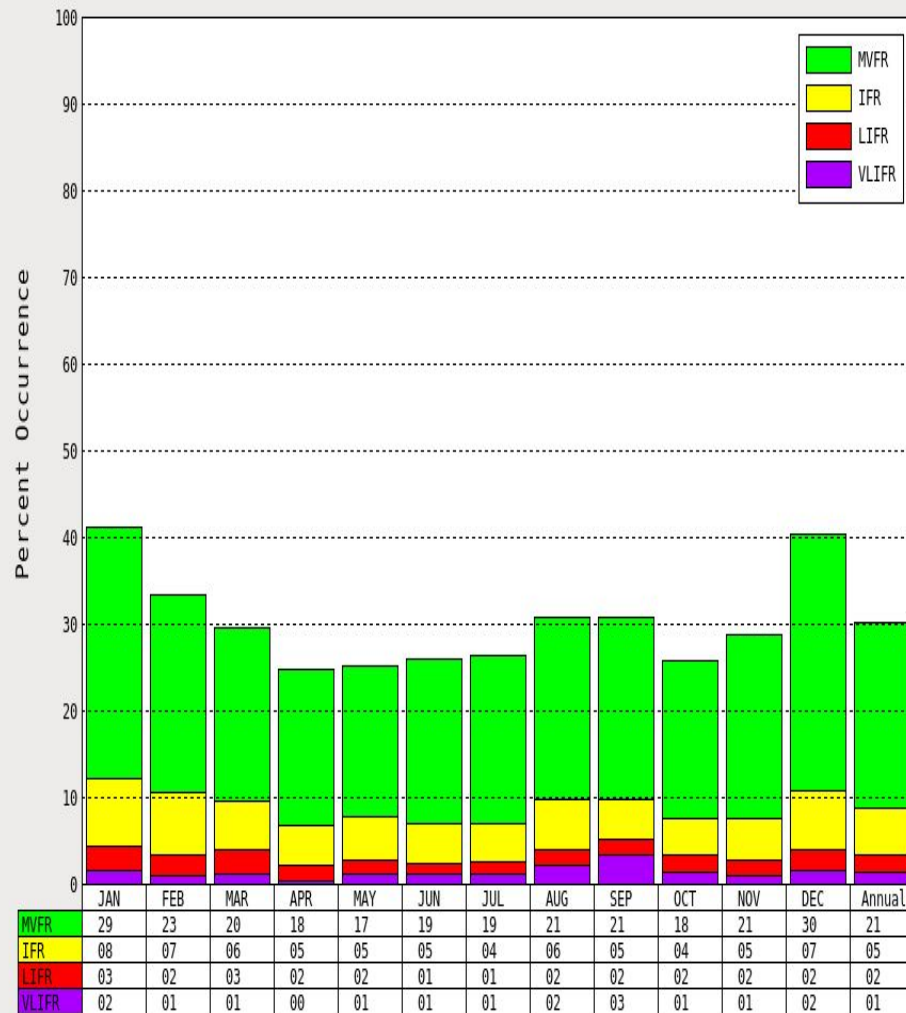
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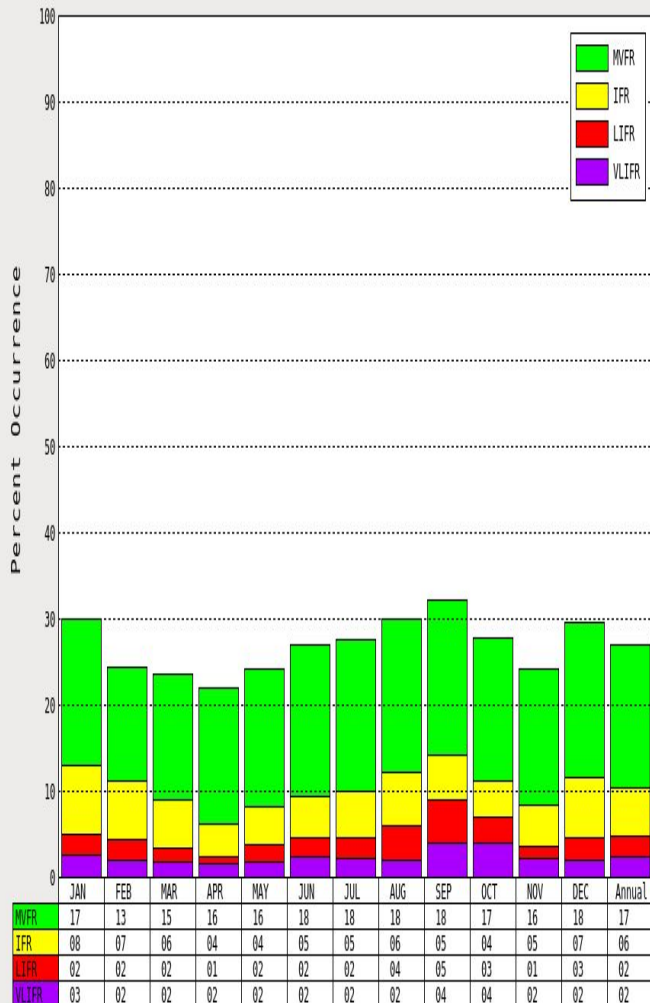




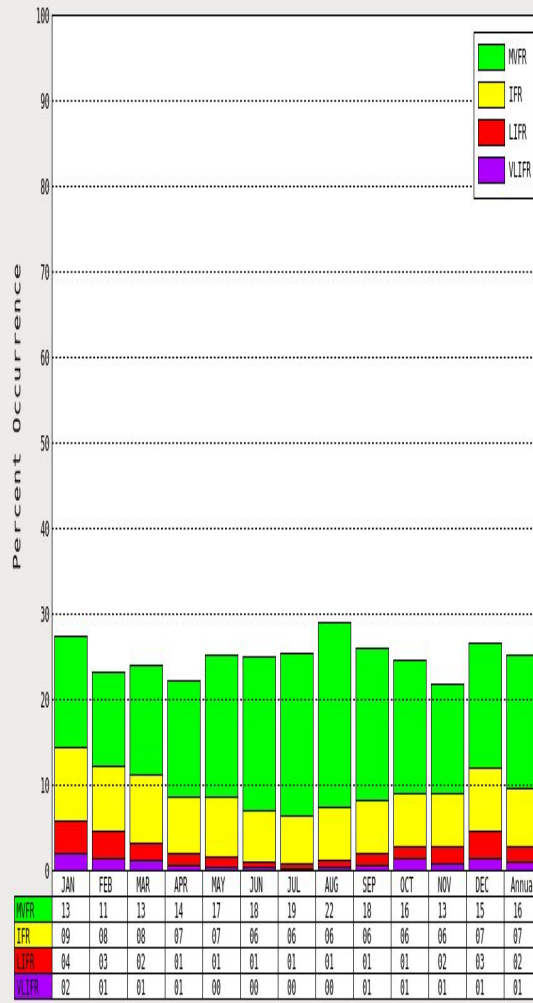
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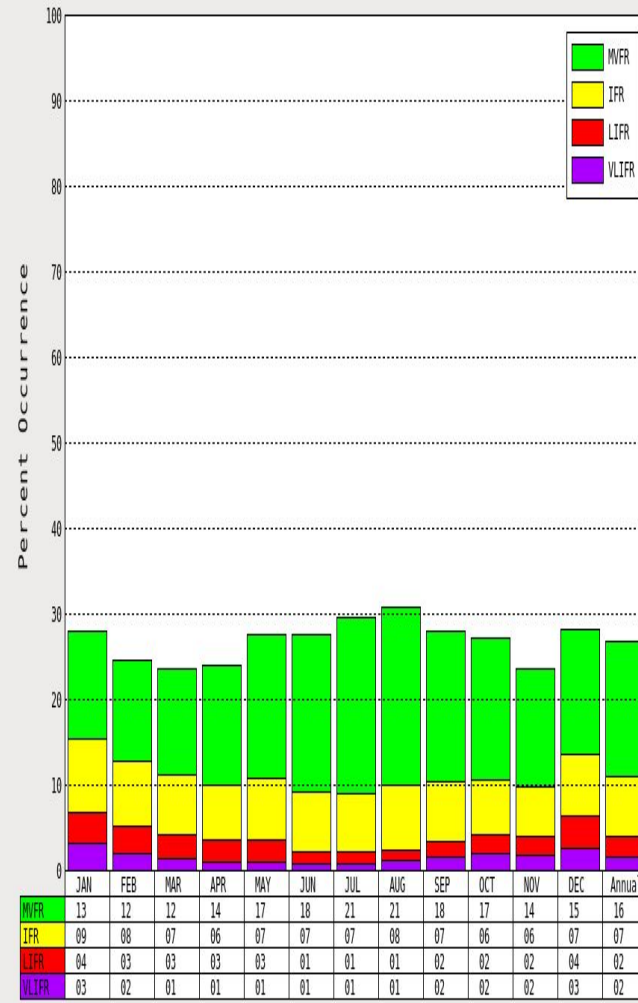
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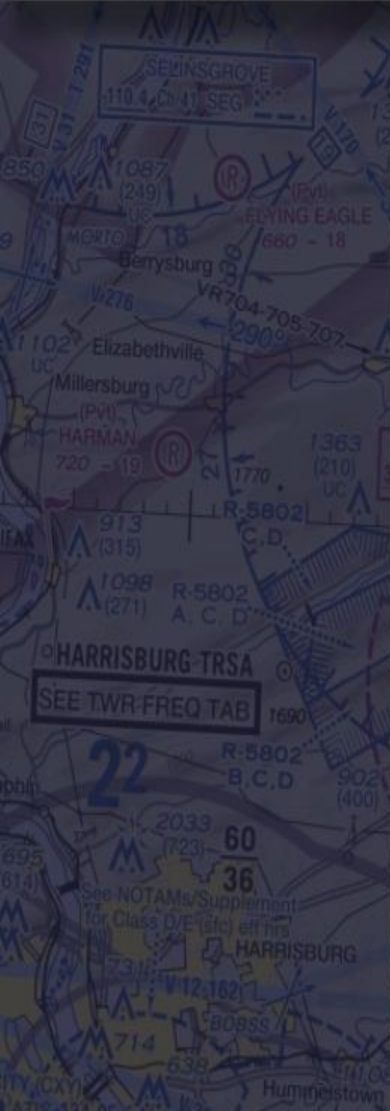
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Icing





Icing

The effects of icing on an aircraft are cumulative

Weight Increases

Lift is Diminished

Thrust is Reduced

Drag Increases

Aircraft icing can occur in cloud or in precipitation

Supercooled water droplets

FZRA / FZDZ / IP in ob

Cold-soaked airframe

Frost

Icing

Snow, ice or frost on the aircraft during preflight?

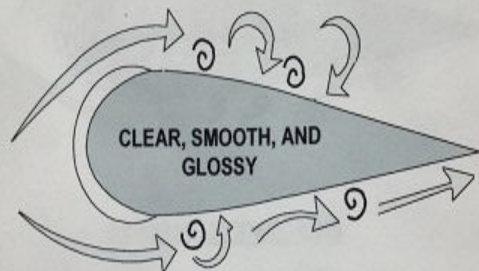


Are you sure it's all gone?

Icing

Icing types

CLEAR ICING

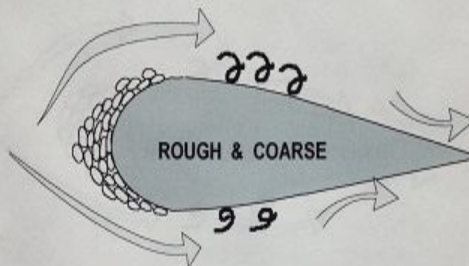


CLEAR, SMOOTH, AND GLOSSY

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

- LARGE DROPLETS IN CUMULIFORM CLOUDS, FREEZING RAIN, OR TERRAIN EFFECTS

RIME ICING



ROUGH & COARSE

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

- SMALL, SUPERCOOLED DROPLETS IN STRATIFORM CLOUDS

MIXED ICING



HARD, ROUGH CONGLOMERATE

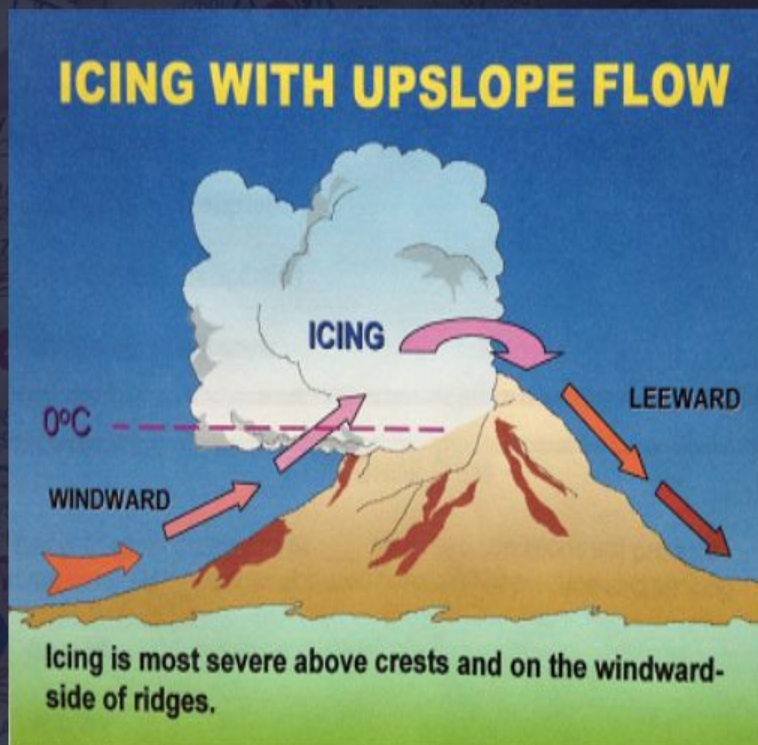
FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

- LARGE AND SMALL DROPLETS COEXIST
- LIQUID AND FROZEN PARTICLES COEXIST
- WET SNOW

Difficult to discern types from flight deck

Because you just got really busy

Icing



Pennsylvania ridges and valleys

Every ridge line you cross is another chance for icing



Icing

Trace

- Stratus clouds

Light

- Stratus clouds and weak weather-producing system
- Widespread weak cumulus or stratocumulus clouds

Moderate

- Nimbostratus clouds and weather-producing system
- Stratocumulus and turbulent mixing
- Light freezing rain, freezing drizzle
- Extensive vertically-developed cumuliform clouds

Severe

- Nimbostratus clouds and strong weather-producing system
- Freezing rain
- Cumulonimbus

Each aircraft will handle icing differently

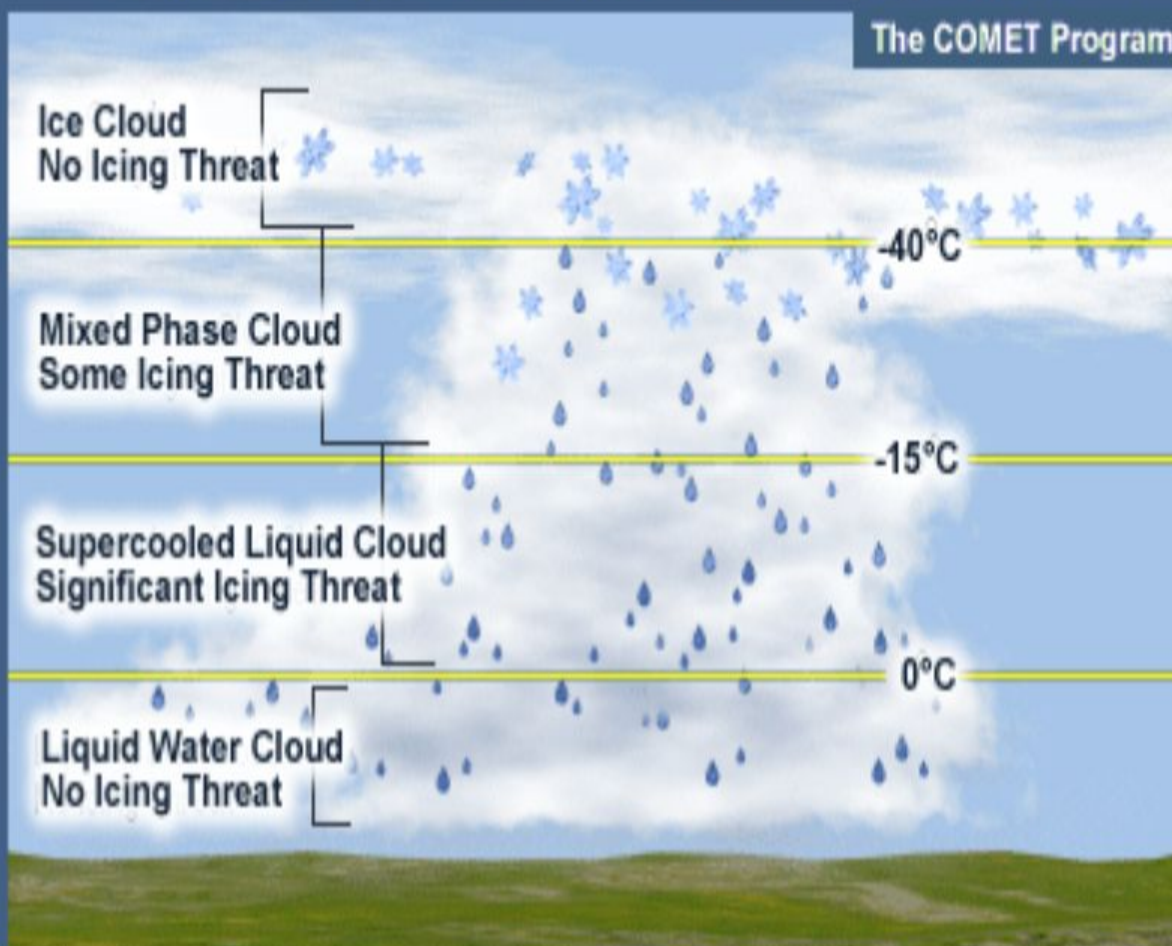
Got de-ice boots or hot bleed air? Great! If not, get to a warmer altitude



Icing

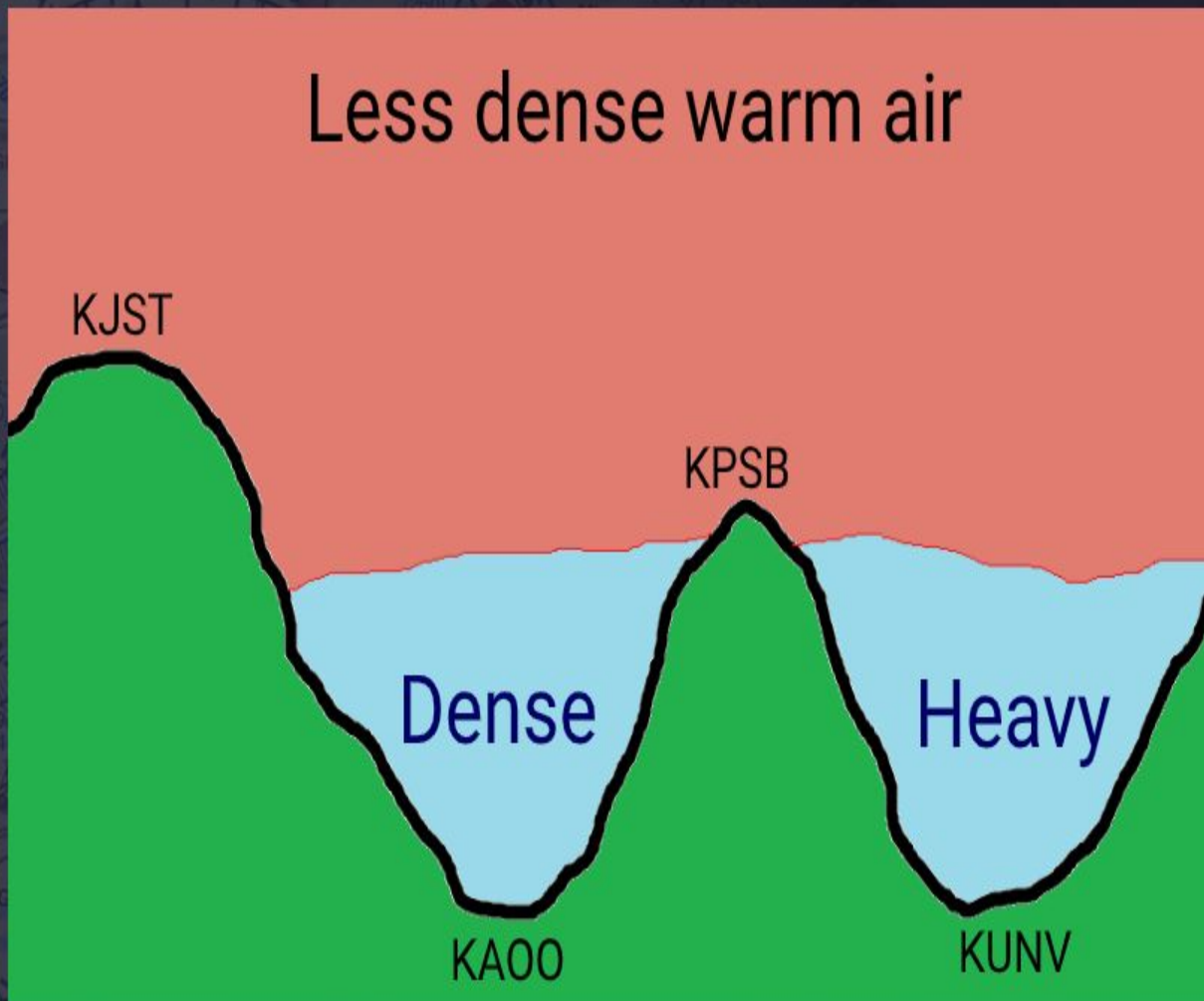
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The COMET Program



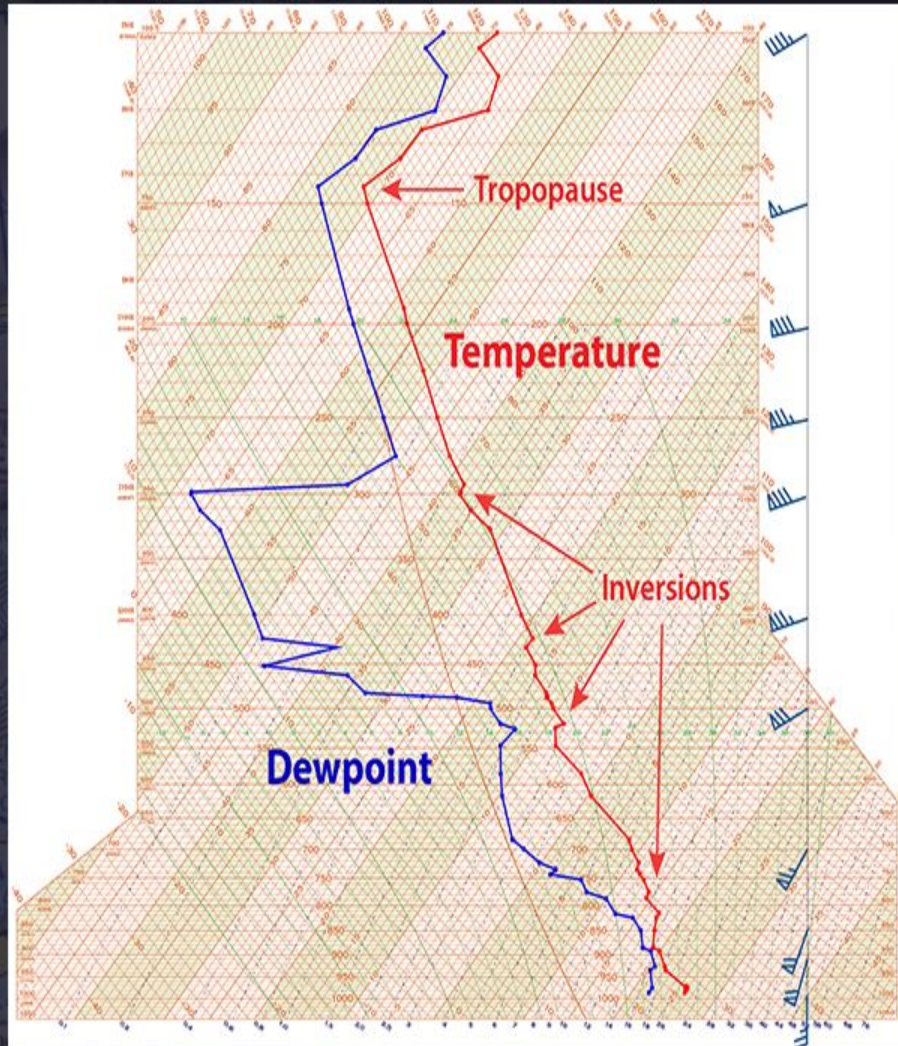


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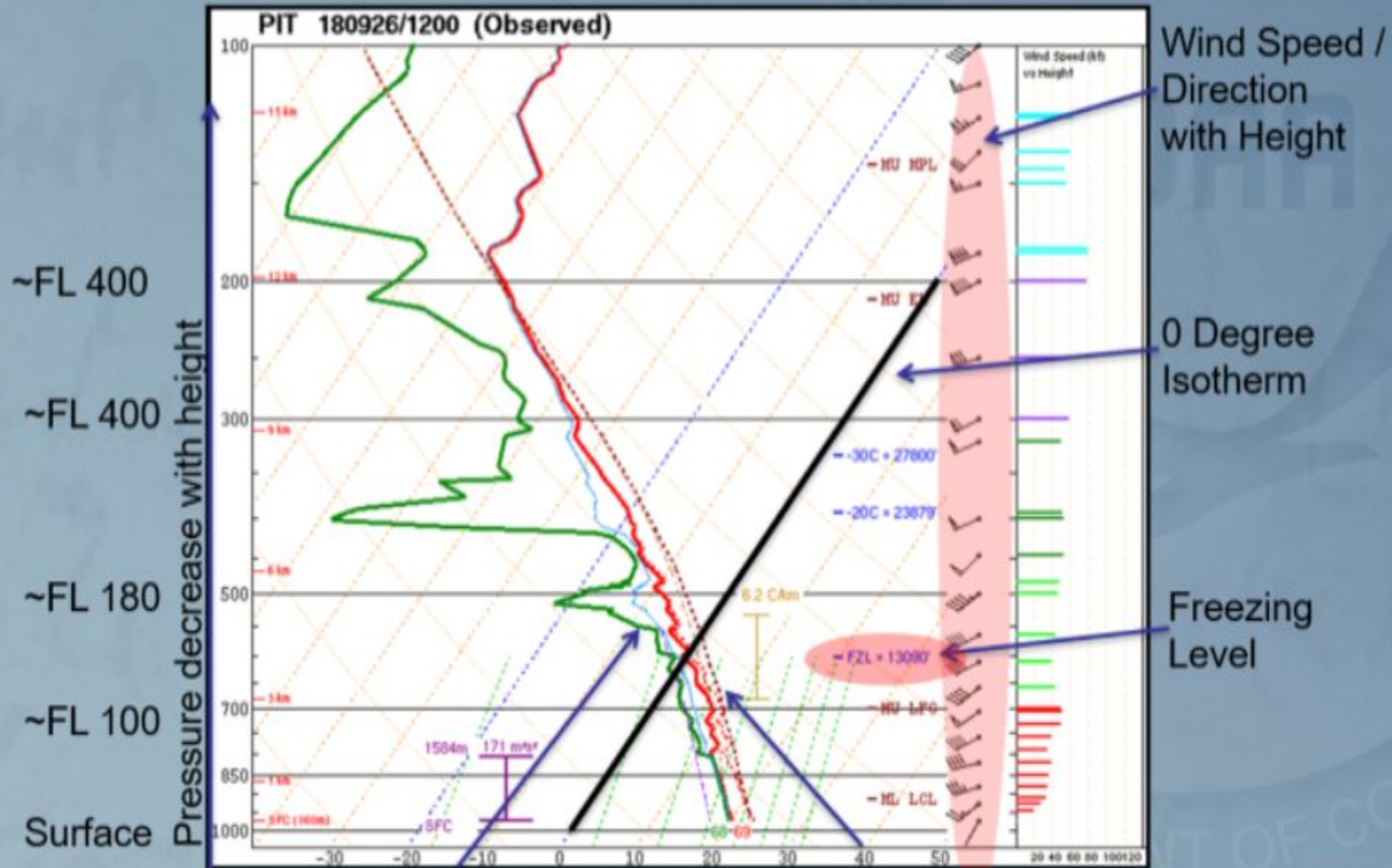
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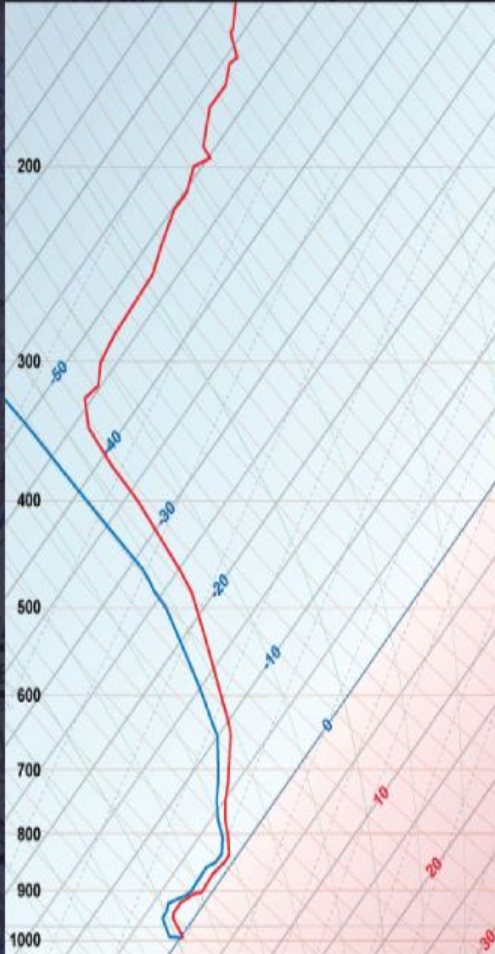
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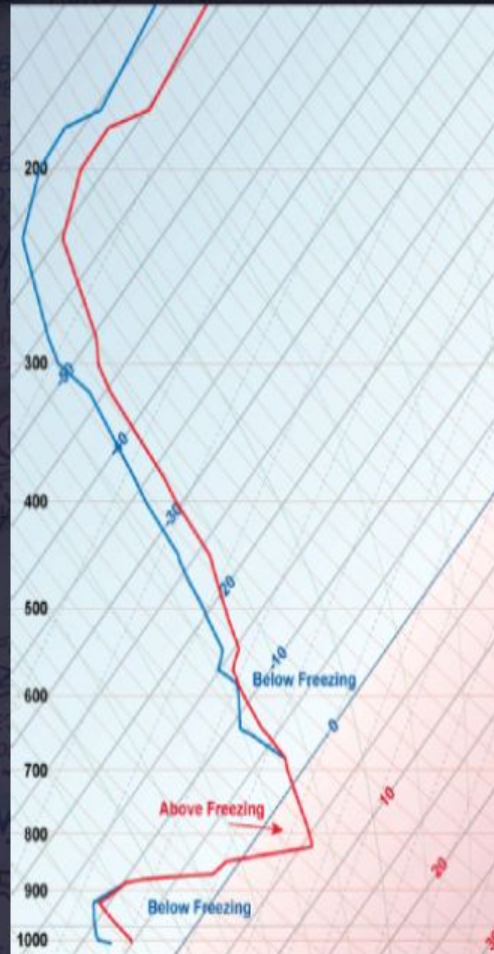




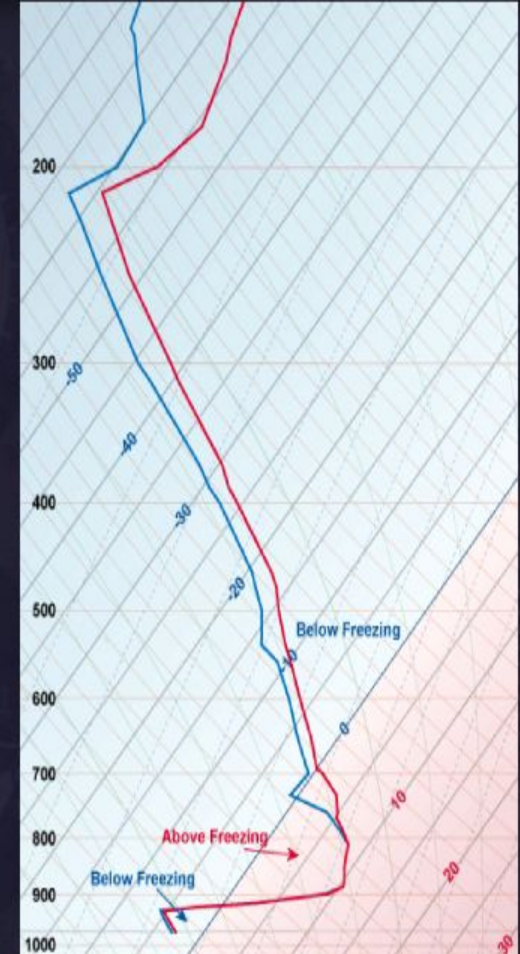
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Snow



Sleet



Freezing Rain



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Real Pilot Stories:

Icing Encounter

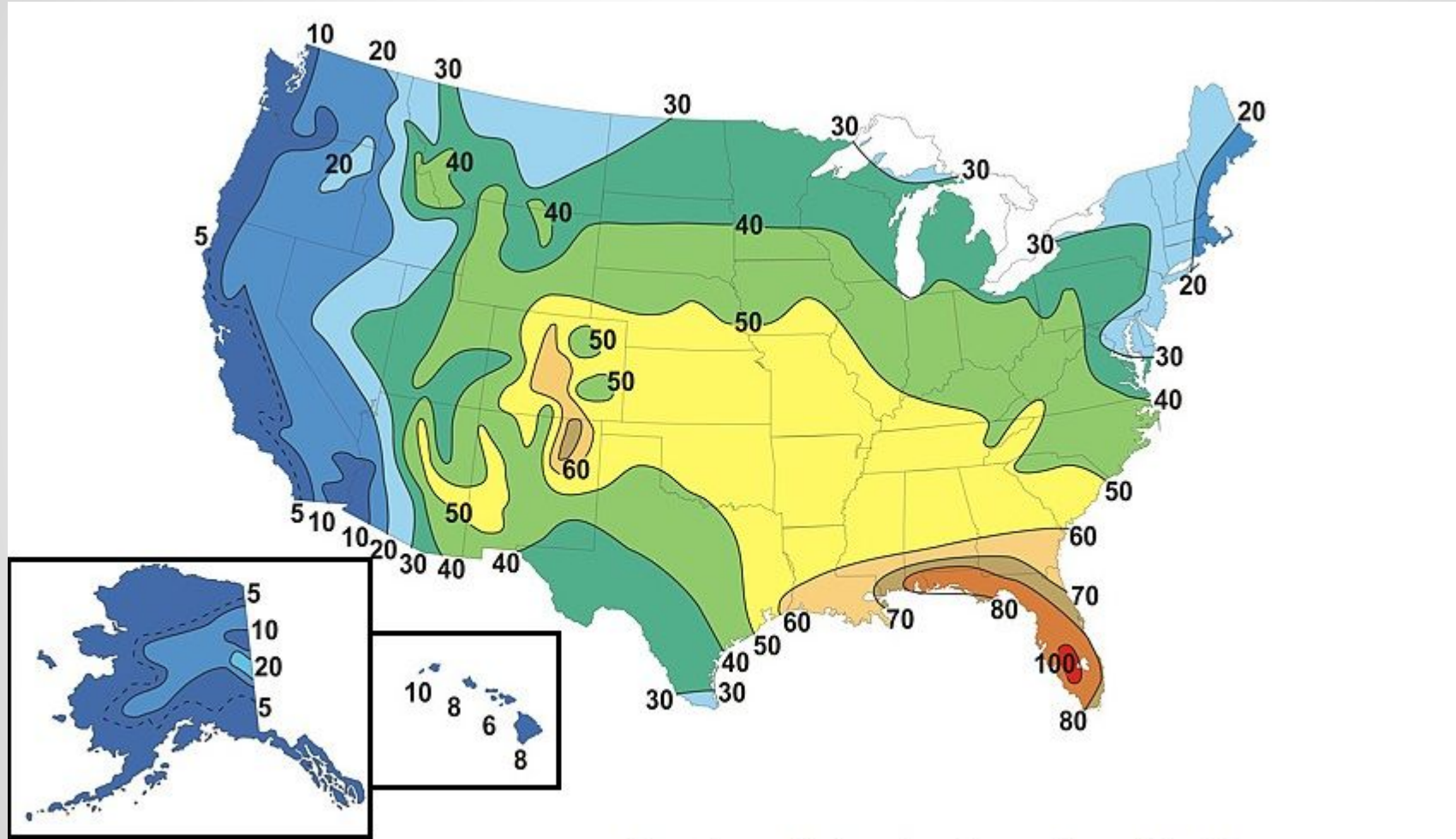
- **Location:** *Central Pennsylvania*
- **Pilot:** *Heath Wells*
- **ATC:** *Terry Pitts, Stacy Parham, Mike Wilson*
- **Aircraft:** *Cessna 172*
- **Date:** *December 2005*

A brand-new IFR rating, an airplane full of family and an icy winter storm over the mountains combined to teach Heath Wells some valuable – and nearly fatal – lessons about instrument flying.





Aviation in PA - Thunderstorms



Number of Thunderstorm Days Per Year



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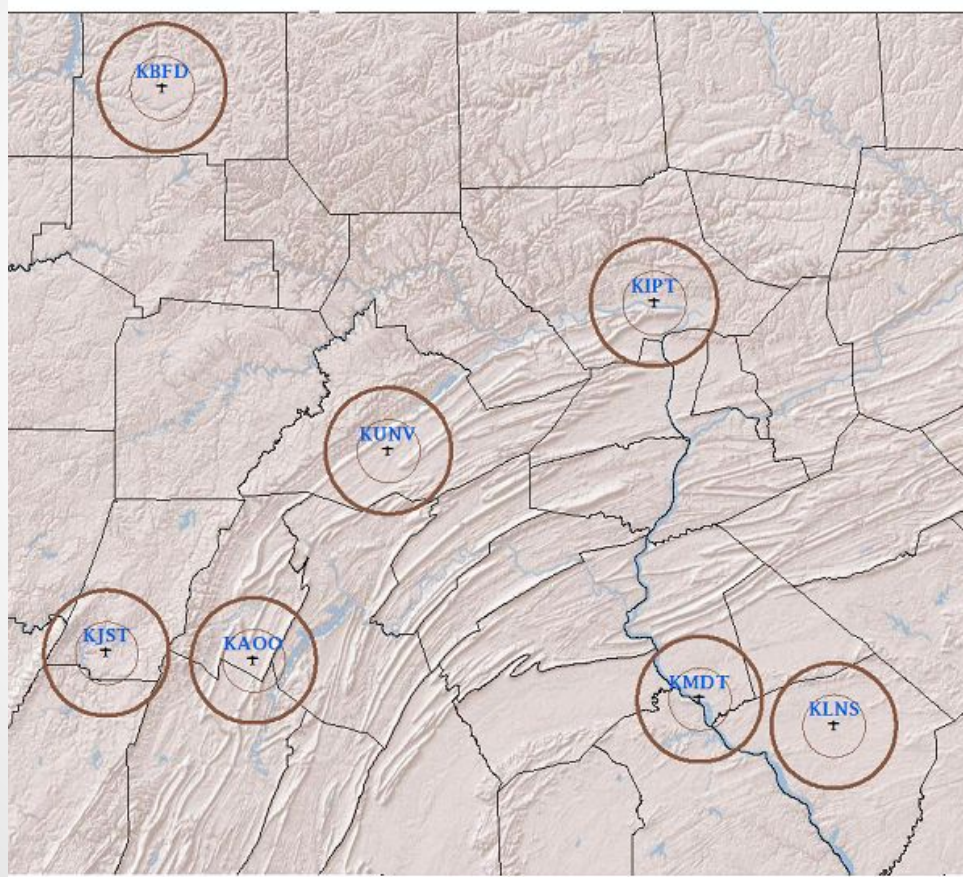
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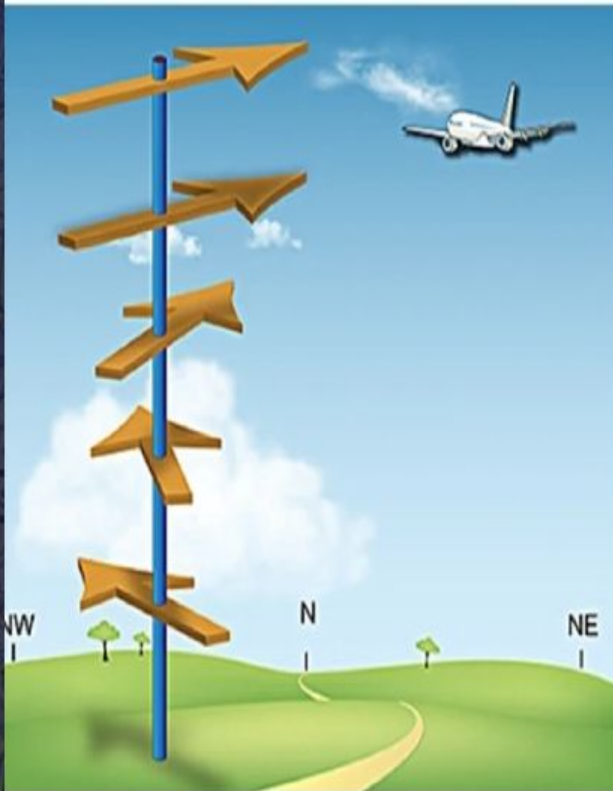


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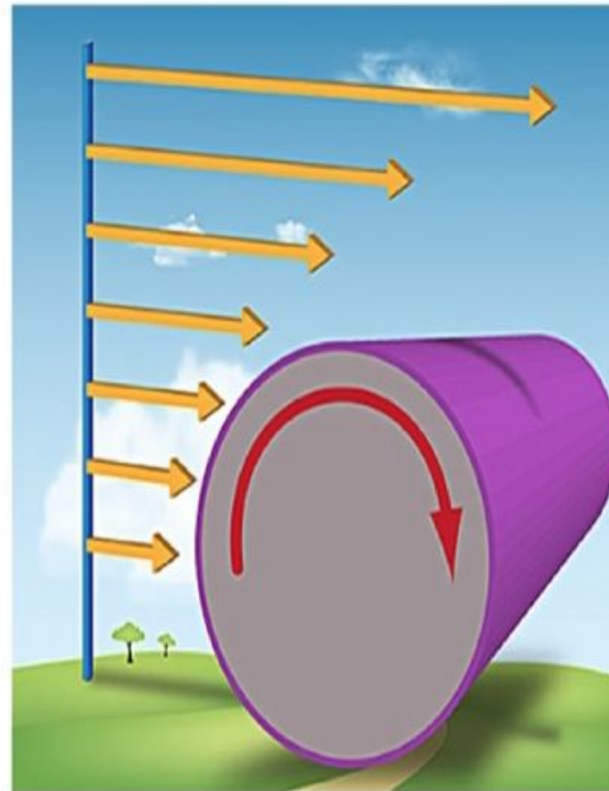
Wind Shear

Directional Shear



Wind *direction* changes with height

Speed Shear



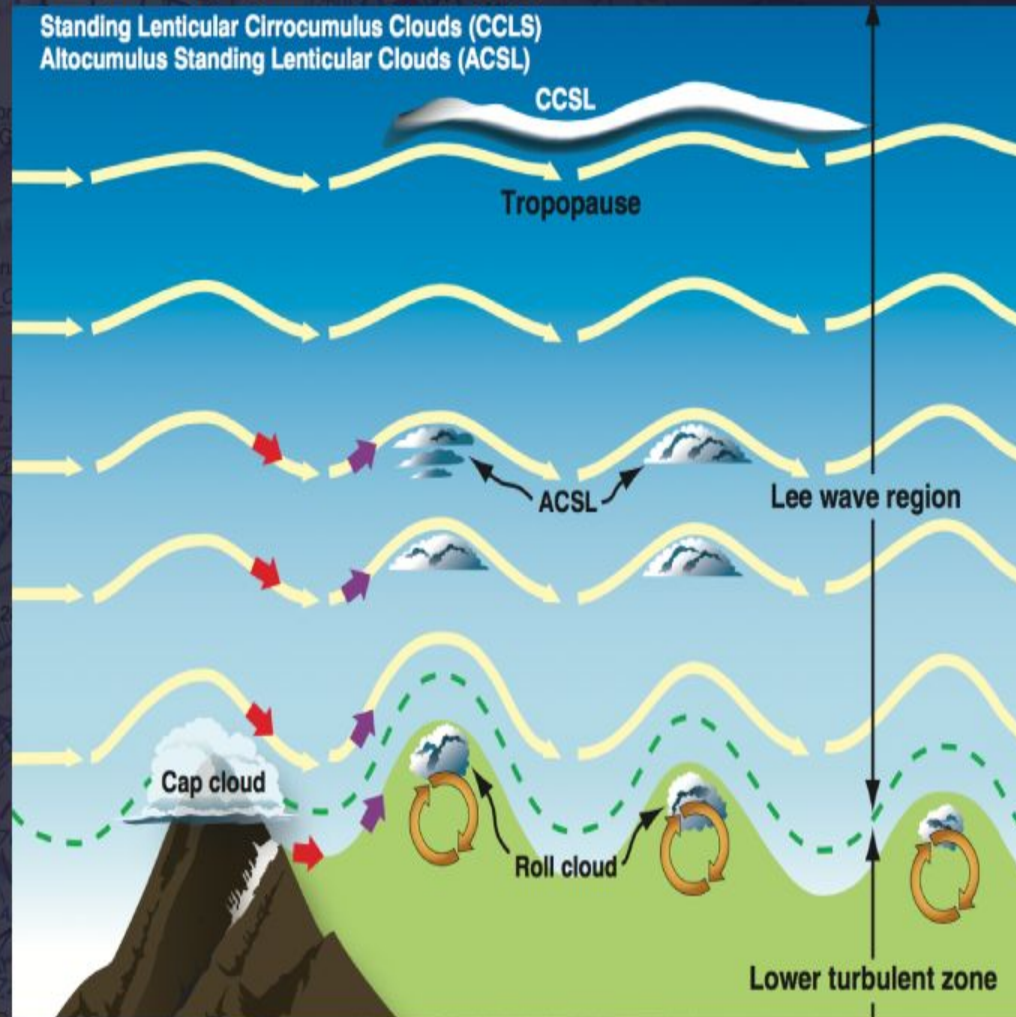
Wind *speed* changes with height.

A change in wind speed or direction over a relatively short distance.

Can be horizontal or vertical.

Causes a "rolling" or "twisting" of the air column.

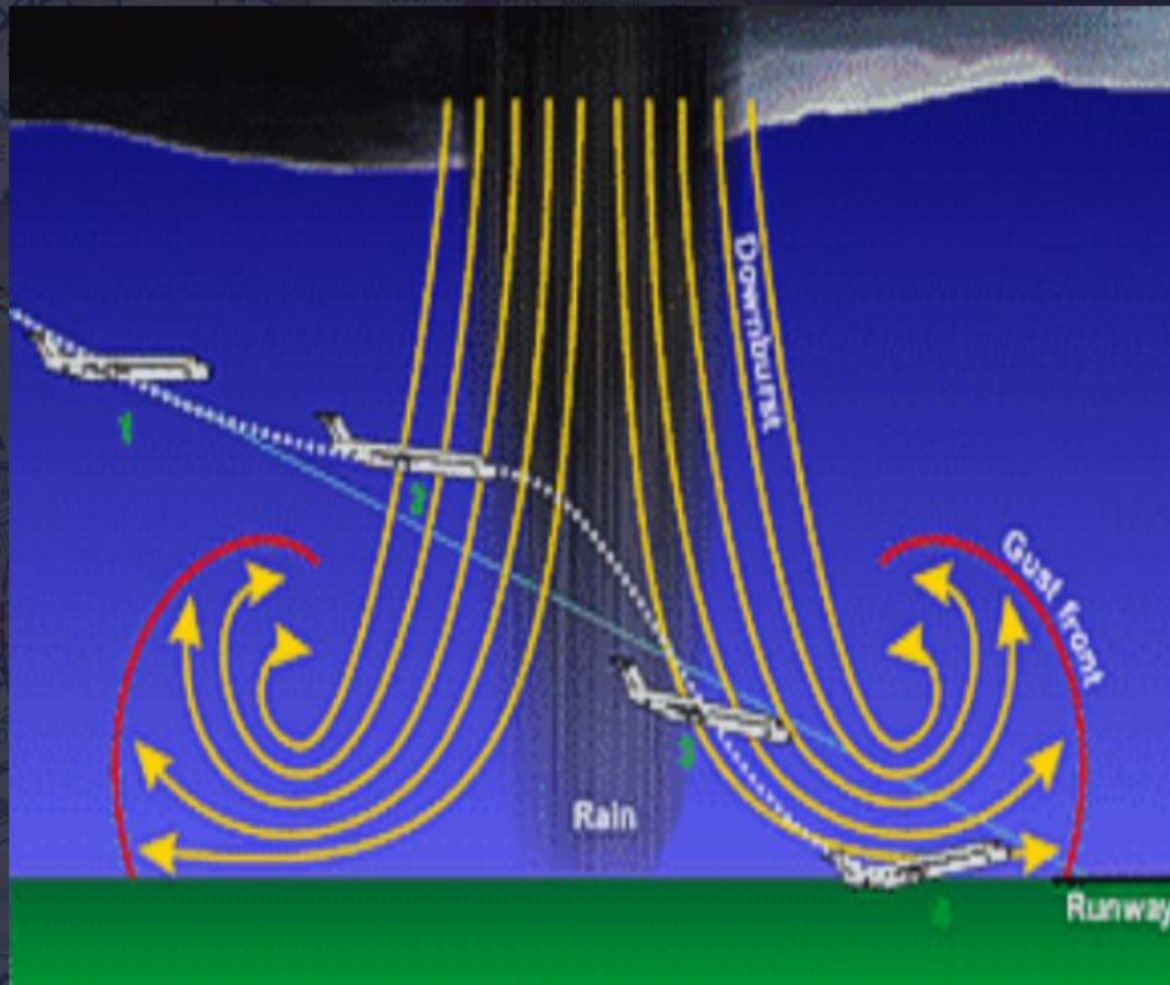
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Wind Shear





Wind Shear

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FM090200 18010KT 2SM -RA BR BKN008 OVC015 WS020/20045KT=
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Compare the wind direction and speed in the "WS" section to the prevailing wind



Terminal Aerodrome Forecast



Interpretation:

- TAF is a concise statement of the expected meteorological conditions significant to aviation to impact an airport during the 24-hour forecast period.
 - 30-hour TAFs issued for 32 airports across the country (KPIT).
- An airport is defined as the area within 5 statute miles of the center of an airport's runway complex.
- Updated every 6 hours (00Z, 06Z, 12Z, 18Z)
 - 3-hourly amendments issued as well.





TAF Example



KIPT 261134Z 2612/2718 23010KT 6SM -SHRA BR
OVC015

FM261500 25013KT 5SM -SHRA VCTS OVC010CB

FM262000 30012KT P6SM OVC035 WS020/25045KT

FM262300 33005KT P6SM SCT100

FM270900 VRB03KT 4SM BR OVC250





TAF Example



Flight Categories		
Flight Category	Ceiling (feet)	Visibility (SM)
VLIFR	< 200 and/or	< ½
LIFR	< 500 and/or	< 1
IFR	≥ 500 to < 1,000 and/or	≥ 1 to < 3
MVFR	≥ 1,000 to ≤ 3,000 and/or	≥ 3 and ≤ 5
VFR	> 3,000 and	> 5

Critical Amendment Criteria - CAC	
Flight Category	Impact
MVFR	≤ 3000 ft and/or ≤ 5 sm
Must File Alternate	< 2000 ft and/or < 3 sm
IFR	< 1000 ft and/or < 3 sm
Alternate Landing Minimums (airport dependent)	600 ft and/or 2 sm
Airfield Landing Minimums (airport dependent)	200 ft and/or ½ sm

- Federal Aviation Regulations state that when flying under instrument flight rules alternate fuel and airport are required unless the ceiling AND visibility are \geq to 2000' AND 3SM.





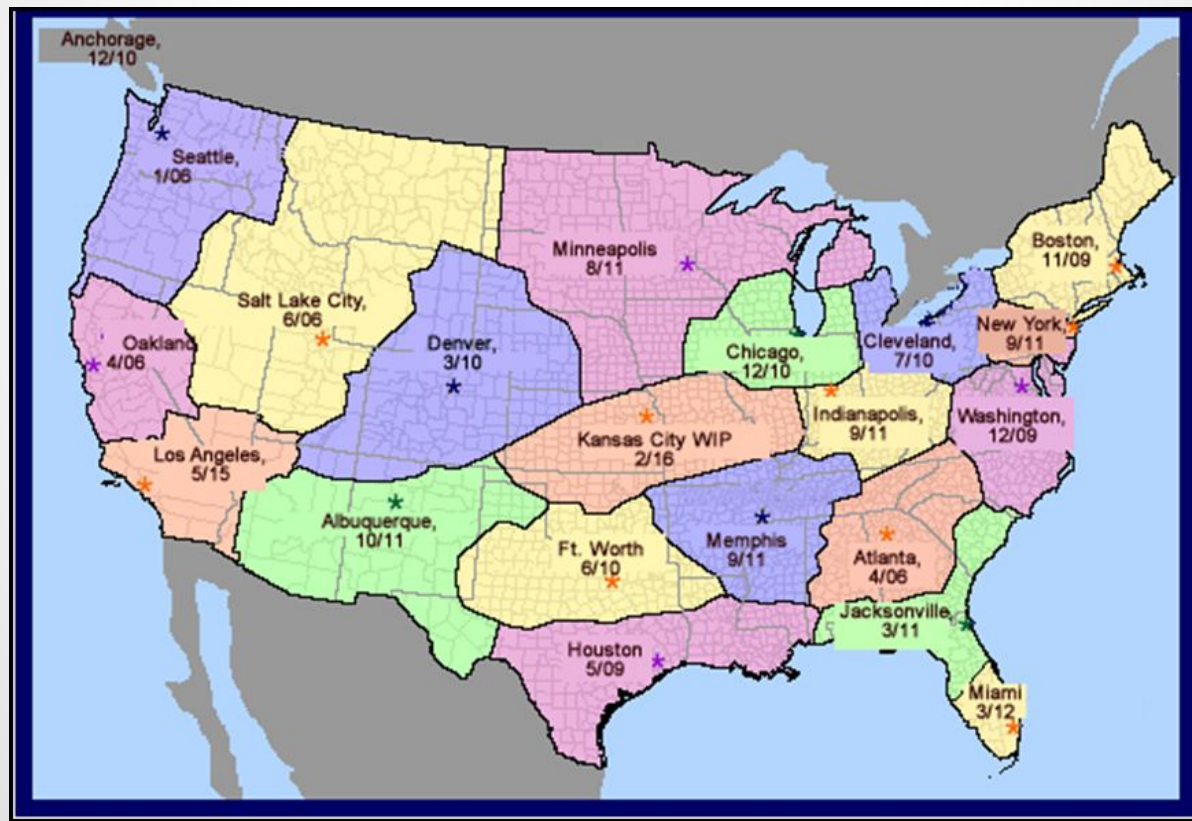
Center Weather Service Units (CWSUs)



Joint FAA / NWS weather support units

Staffed 16 hours per day by NWS personnel

Staffed 24 hours per day by Traffic Management Unit personnel



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CWSU Products



- **CWA: Center Weather Advisory**
 - Aviation weather warning for conditions meeting or approaching national in-flight advisory criteria (AIRMET / SIGMET)
 - Used to provide real-time or near-term guidance during en-route or terminal environments
 - Valid for up to 2 hours
- **MIS: Meteorological Impact Statement**
 - Unscheduled flow control and flight operations planning forecast
 - Details weather conditions expected to adversely impact air traffic flow
 - Valid up to 12 hours after issuance time

NWS CWS





CWSU: CWA & MIS Products



CWA/MIS Home Data Info

CWSU Advisories

Weather Overlays View Configure 1910 UTC Mon 20 Jul 2020

Meteorological Impact Statement

CWSU: ZNY [New York]

Begins: 2020-07-20T18:15:00Z

Ends: 2020-07-21T02:30:00Z

ZNY MIS 01 VALID 201815-210230

...FOR ATC PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY...

THE CWSU AT ZNY WILL BE COVERED REMOTELY BTW 1830-0230Z AND CAN BE REACHED VIA EMAIL ZNY.OPERATIONS@NOAA.GOV. NORMAL ON-SITE COVERAGE RESUMES AT 1030Z TUESDAY.

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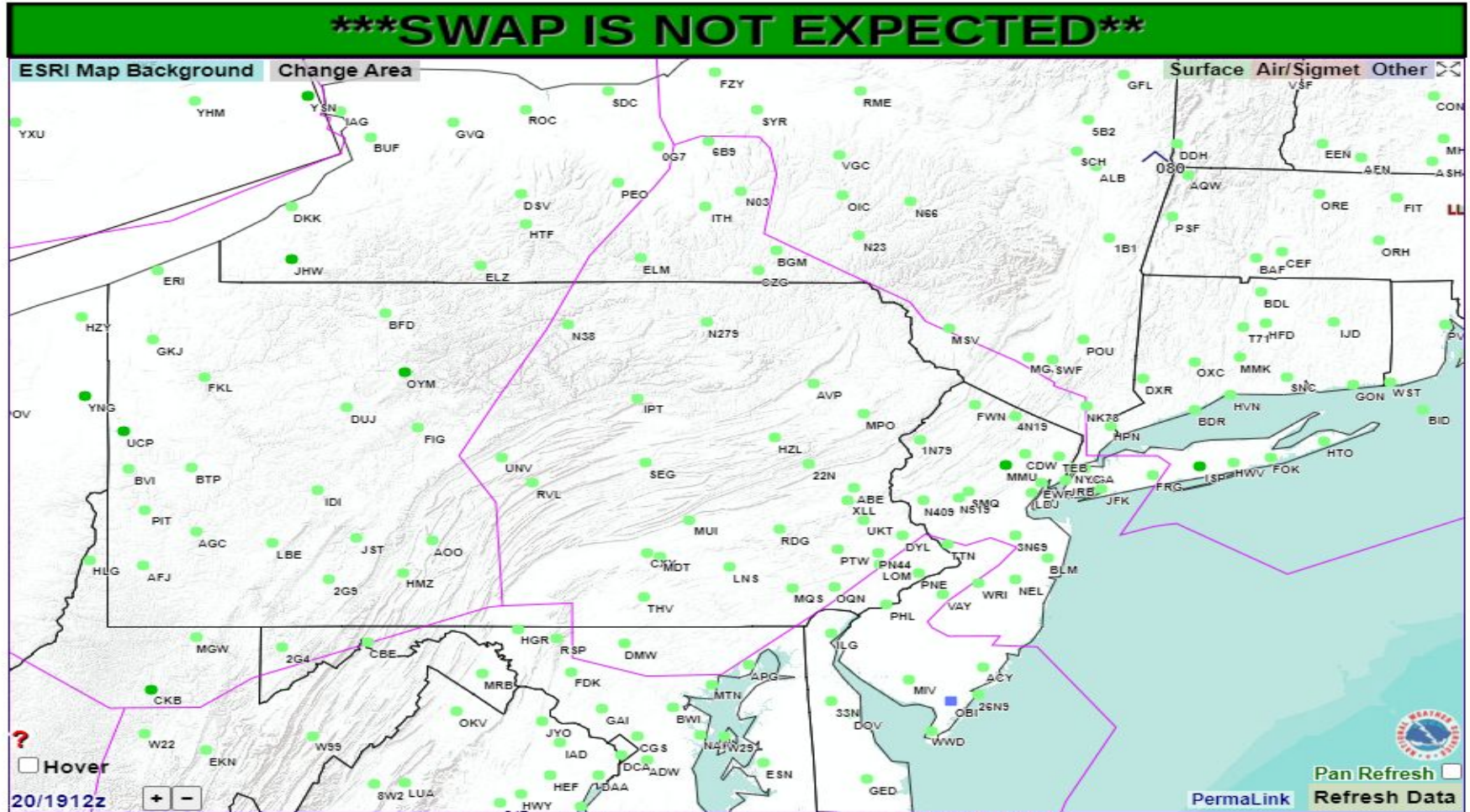
CWA TS Turb Ice IFR MIS



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CWSU New York



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National Support



AVIATION WEATHER CENTER
NOAA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Local Forecast HOME ADVISORIES FORECASTS OBSERVATIONS TOOLS NEWS SEARCH ABOUT USER

Aviation Weather Overview

Data Overlay View 1339 UTC Tue 5 Nov 2019

Scale
500 km
500 mi

Flt Cat: ● MVFR ● IFR ● LIFR SIGMET ■ ■ CWA GAIRMET Turb Turb LGT LGT SEV SEV Icing Icing IFR IFR Stral Stral

PIREP Turb: ○ NIL ▲ LGT ▲ MOD ▲ SEV PIREP Ice: ○ NIL ☙ LGT ☙ MOD ☙ SEV PIREP Other: ✈

Disclaimer: International SIGMET locations approximated. Please refer to SIGMET text for full details

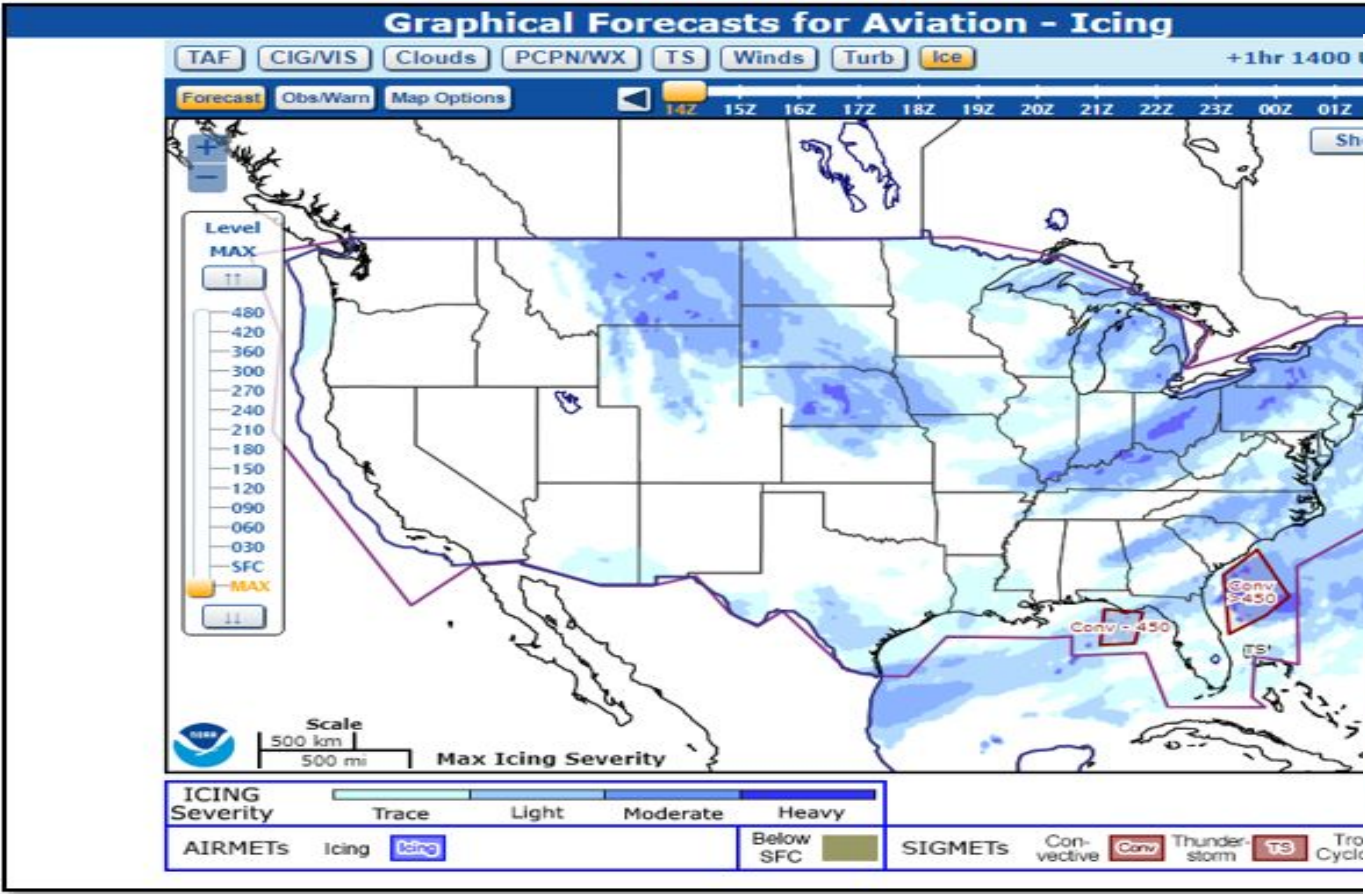
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Graphical Aviation Forecasts



This dynamic map is a one-stop shop to see a graphical display off all the national aviation weather products and forecasts.

Simply click through the buttons at the top to toggle between TAFs, model forecasts of Cig/Vis/Clouds/Precip/Wx Type, forecasted wind speed by height, forecasted Turbulence and icing with Sigmets/Airmets displayed.

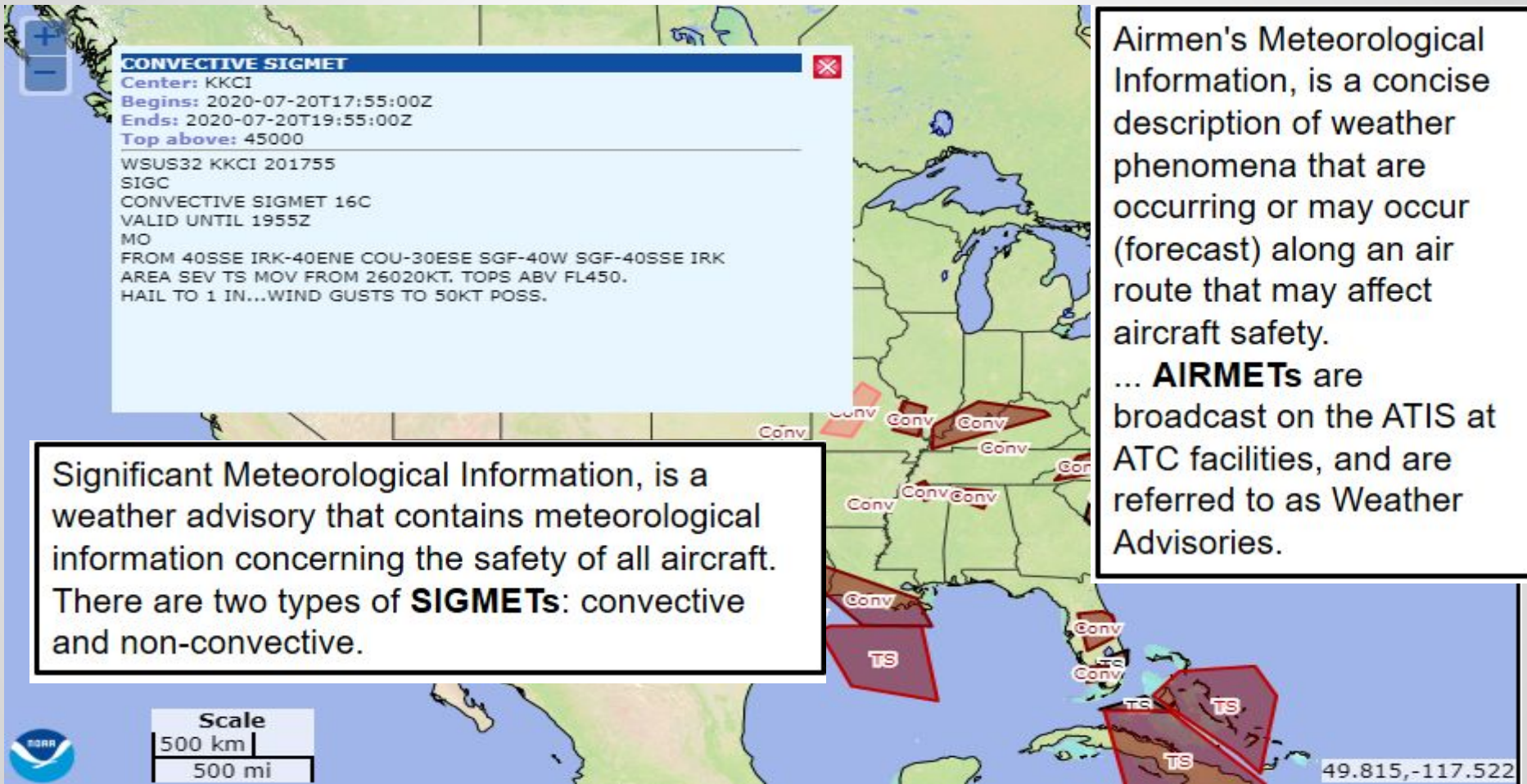
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SIGMETS / AIRMETS



CONVECTIVE SIGMET
 Center: KPCI
 Begins: 2020-07-20T17:55:00Z
 Ends: 2020-07-20T19:55:00Z
 Top above: 45000

WSUS32 KPCI 201755
 SIGC
 CONVECTIVE SIGMET 16C
 VALID UNTIL 1955Z
 MO
 FROM 40SSE IRK-40ENE COU-30ESE SGF-40W SGF-40SSE IRK
 AREA SEV TS MOV FROM 26020KT, TOPS ABV FL450.
 HAIL TO 1 IN...WIND GUSTS TO 50KT POSS.

Significant Meteorological Information, is a weather advisory that contains meteorological information concerning the safety of all aircraft. There are two types of **SIGMETs**: convective and non-convective.

Airmen's Meteorological Information, is a concise description of weather phenomena that are occurring or may occur (forecast) along an air route that may affect aircraft safety.
 ... **AIRMETS** are broadcast on the ATIS at ATC facilities, and are referred to as Weather Advisories.

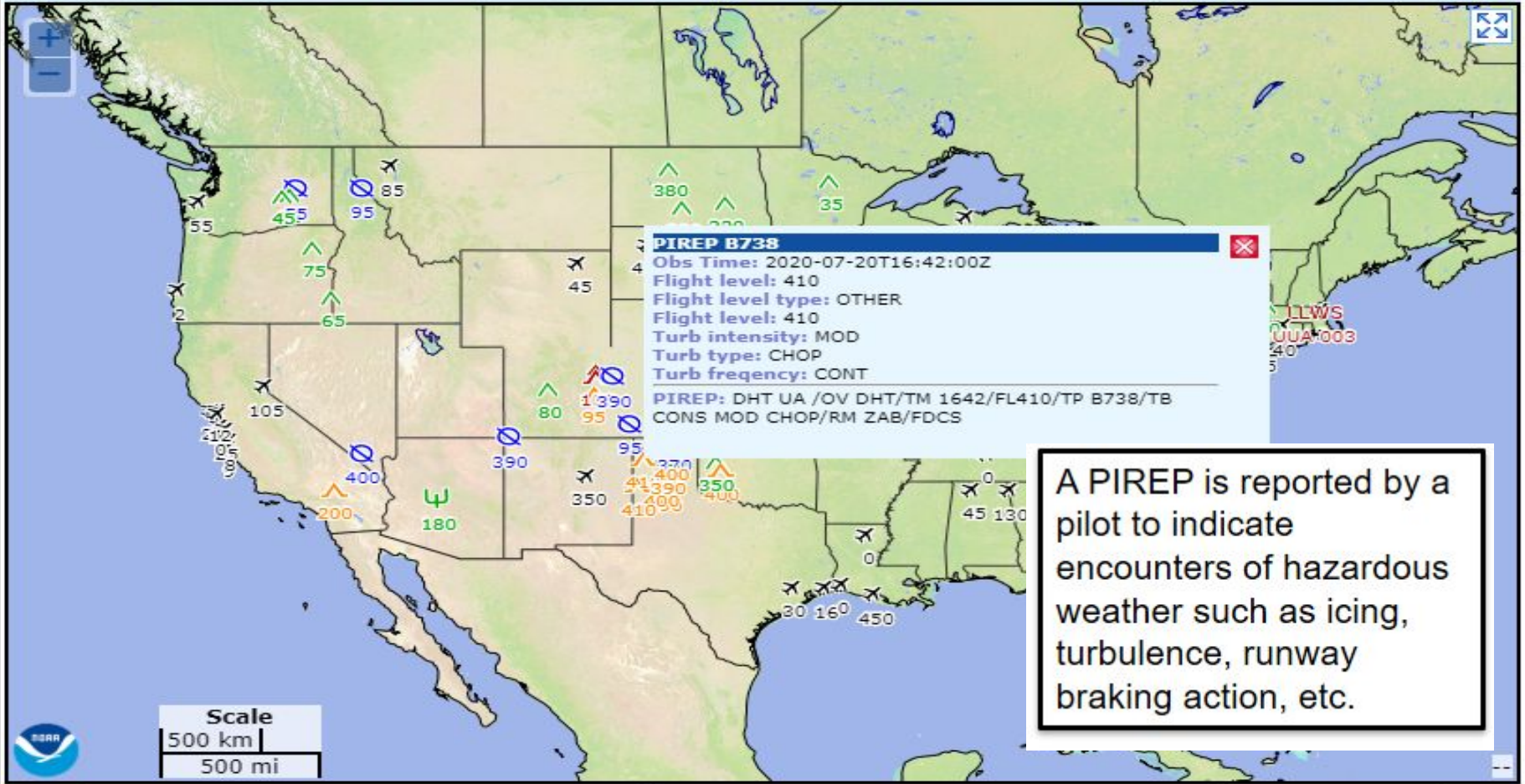
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Pilot Reports - PIREPS



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Icing Guidance: CIP & FIP



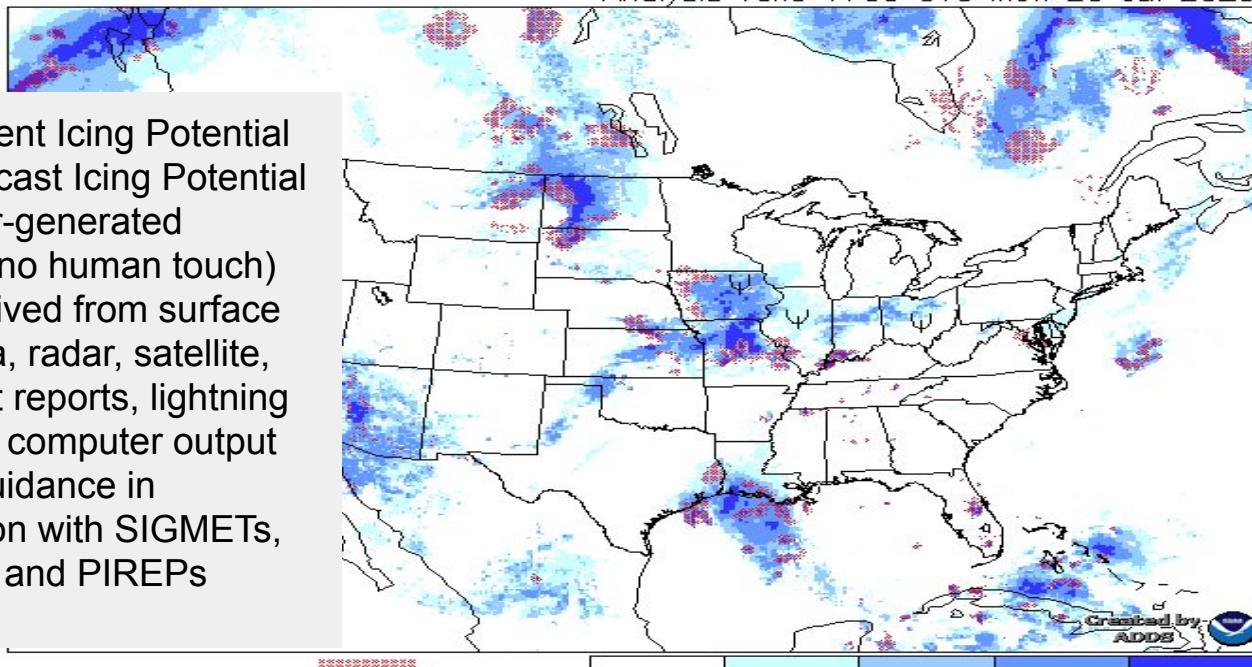
CIP and FIP Plots

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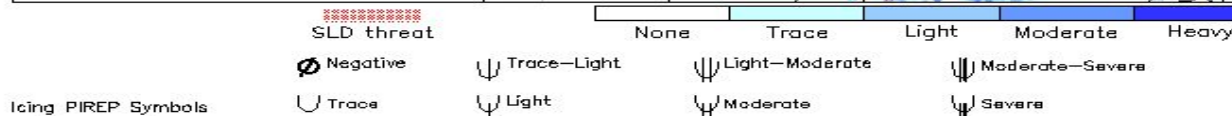
Plot: Severity+SLD Vert. level: max Time: 00hr - 17Z 20 Jul

Maximum icing severity (1000 ft. MSL to FL300)

Analysis valid 1700 UTC Mon 20 Jul 2020



- CIP: Current Icing Potential
- FIP: Forecast Icing Potential
- Computer-generated analysis (no human touch)
 - Derived from surface data, radar, satellite, pilot reports, lightning and computer output
- Use as guidance in conjunction with SIGMETs, AIRMETs and PIREPs



Icing PIREP Symbols

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Icing: Freezing Level Forecasts



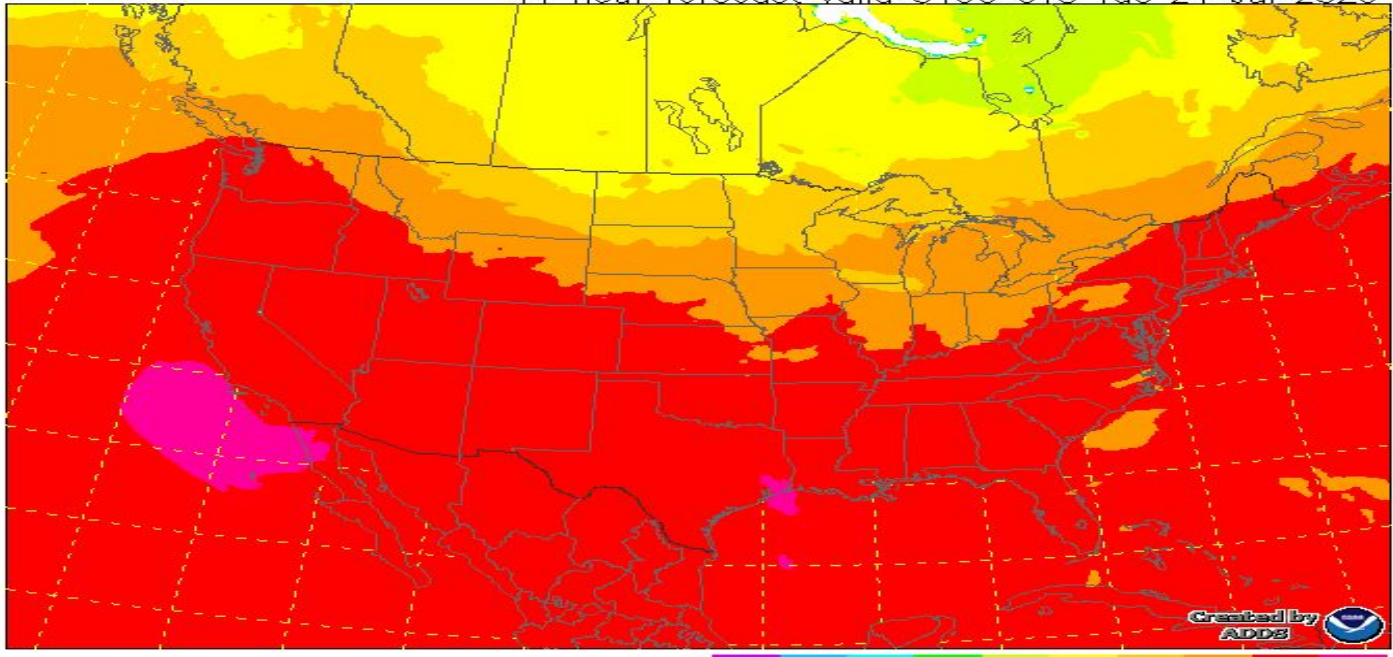
Current Freezing Level Forecast

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Time: ◀ 11hr - 04Z 21 Jul ▶

Lowest freezing level (100s of feet MSL)

11 hour forecast valid 0400 UTC Tue 21 Jul 2020



Sfc 010 030 050 070 090 110 130 150 170+
(100s of feet MSL)

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Turbulence: GTG



Current GTG Forecast

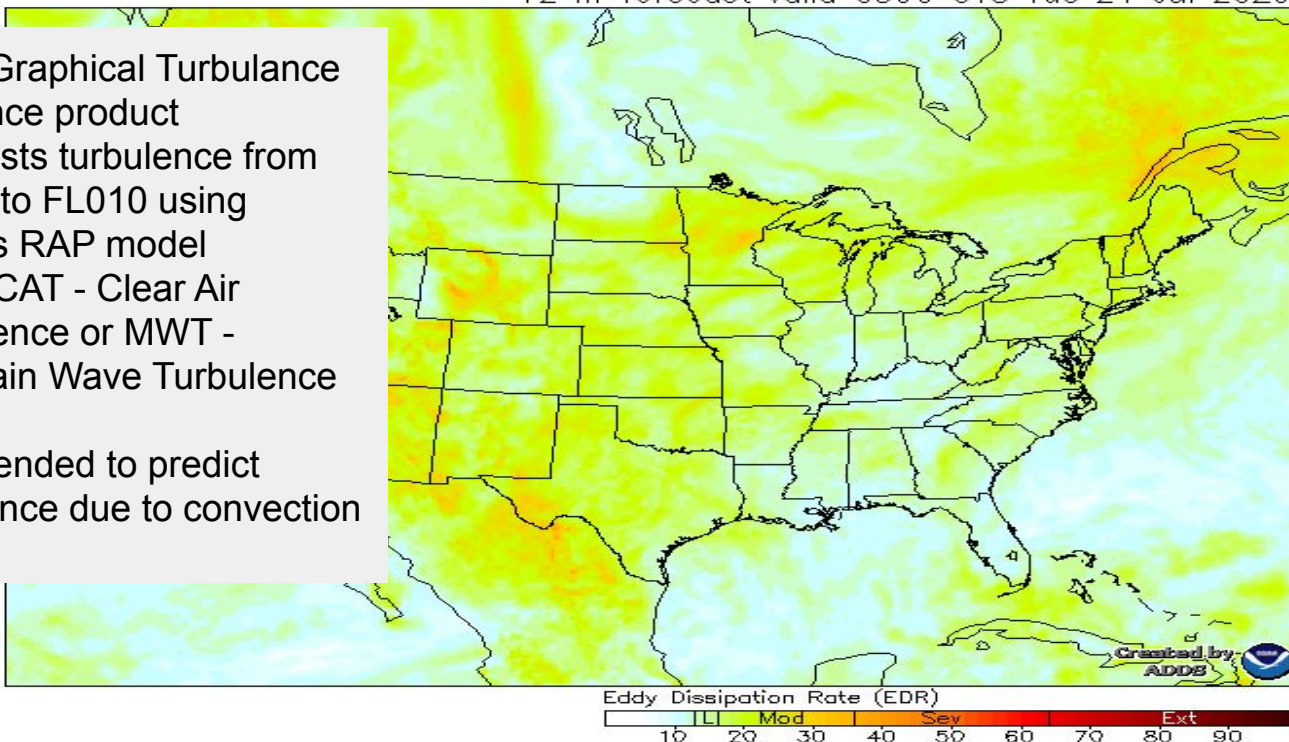
Turb. Home GTG Forecast Info

Aircraft: Light Plot: Combined Vert. level: max Time: 12hr - 05Z 21 Jul

GTG - Max combined intensity (1000 ft. MSL to FL500)

12 hr forecast valid 0500 UTC Tue 21 Jul 2020

- GTG: Graphical Turbulence Guidance product
- Forecasts turbulence from FL500 to FL010 using NOAAs RAP model
- Either CAT - Clear Air Turbulence or MWT - Mountain Wave Turbulence or both
- Not intended to predict turbulence due to convection



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TCF: Traffic Convective Forecast



- The TCF is a high confidence graphical representation of forecasted convection meeting specific criteria of coverage, intensity, and echo top height. The TCF graphics are produced every 2 hours and valid at 4-, 6-, and 8- hours after issuance time.
- Areas of convection in the TCF include any area of convective cells containing (at a minimum):
 - Composite radar reflectivity of at least 40 dBZ;
 - Echo tops at or above FL250;
 - Coverage (a & b) of at least 25% of the polygon area;
 - Forecaster confidence of at least 50% (High) that criteria (a, b, & c) will be met.
- Lines of convection in the TCF include any lines of convective cells:
 - Composite radar reflectivity of at least 40 dBZ having a length of at least 100 nautical miles (NM); and
 - Having a linear coverage of 75% or greater; and
 - Having echo tops at or above FL250.
 - Forecaster confidence of at least 50% (High) that criteria (a, b, & c) will be met.
 - All four of the threshold criteria listed above for both areas and lines of convection are required for inclusion in the TCF. This is defined as the minimum TCF criteria.
- Available March 1 through October 31

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TCF: Traffic Convective Forecast



TFM Convective Forecast (TCF)

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Issuance: 20200720_1900



4 hour forecast



6 hour forecast



8 hour forecast

Issued 1900Z Mon

COVERAGE		HEIGHT	
SPARSE		TOPS: 100's OF FEET MSL	
25-39%		25000 - 29000	290
MEDIUM		30000 - 34000	340
40-74%		35000 - 39000	390
		40000+	>400
LINES			
		SOLID 75-100%	

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ECFP: Extended Convective Forecast Product



Extended Convective Forecast Product

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Valid: 2100Z 21 Jul - 0000Z 22 Jul

Extended Convective Forecast Product (ECFP)

Valid: 2100 UTC Tue 21 Jul 2020 - 0000 UTC Wed 22 Jul 2020

- Derived from NWS SREF forecast model
- Probability of thunderstorm contours at 40, 60 and 80% probabilities
- Mainly a planning tool for air traffic managers and flight planners



21Z Tue-00Z Wed



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Issued: 0900 UTC Mon 20 Jul 2020

Convective Probability



30-49%



50-69%



>70%

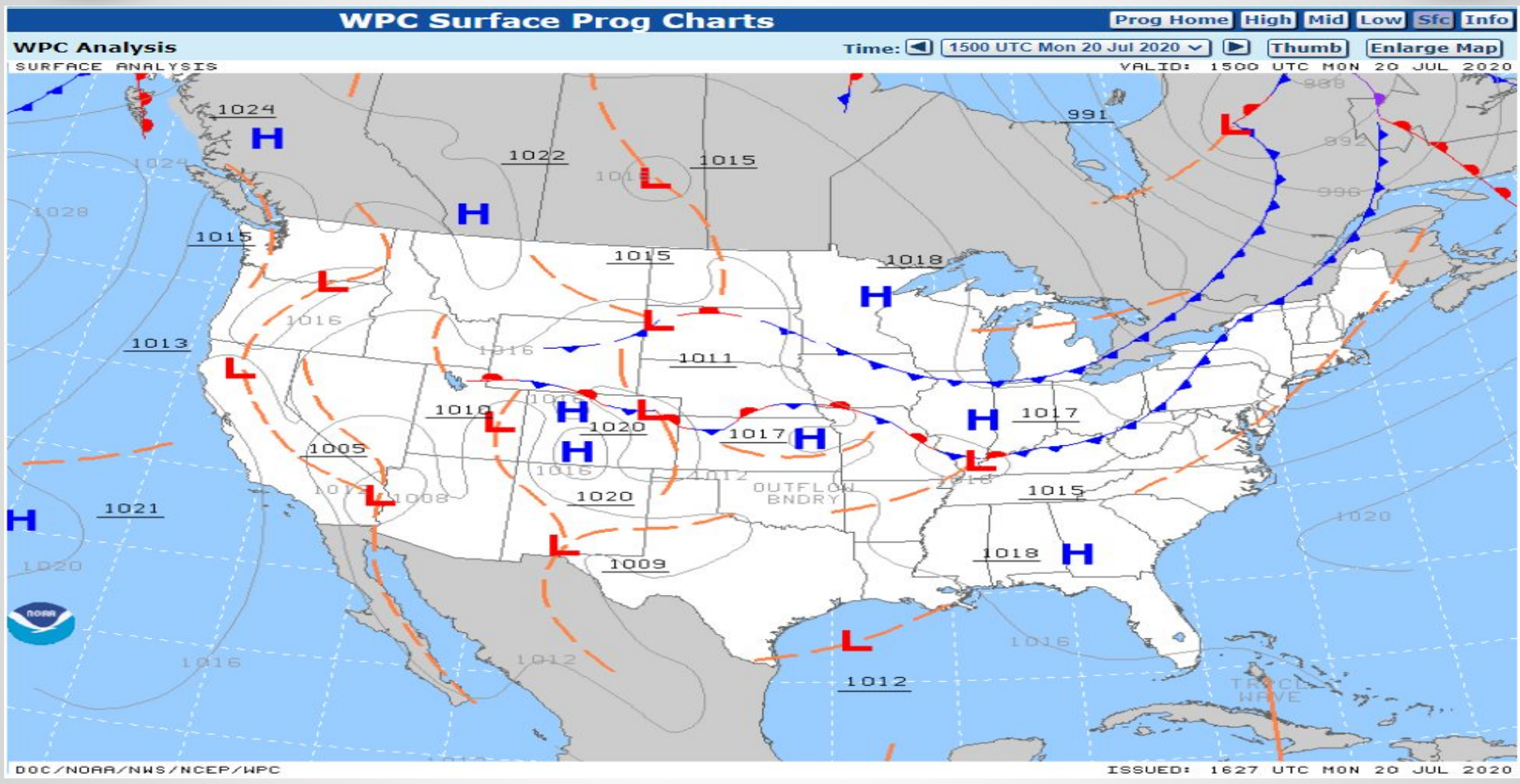
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Surface Plot Analysis



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Low Level Significant Weather Charts



Low Level Significant Weather Charts

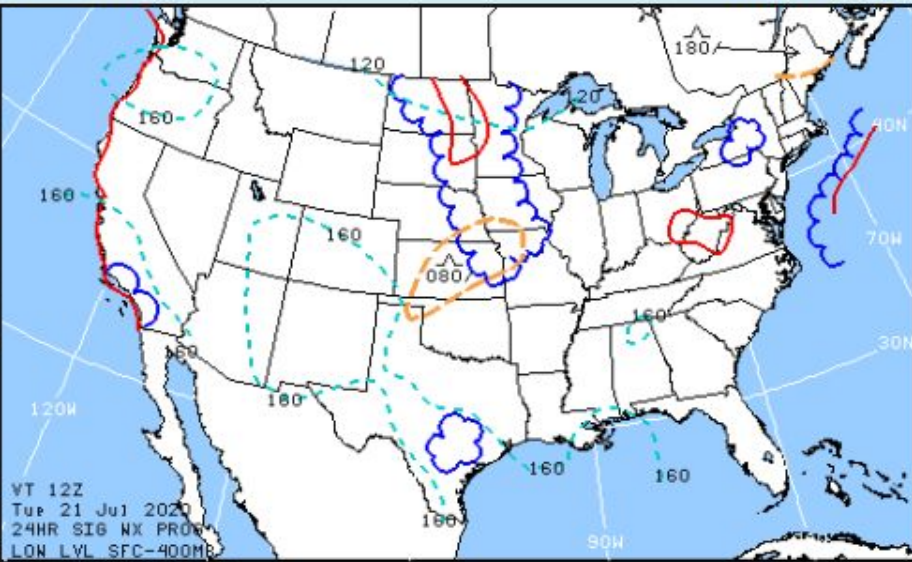
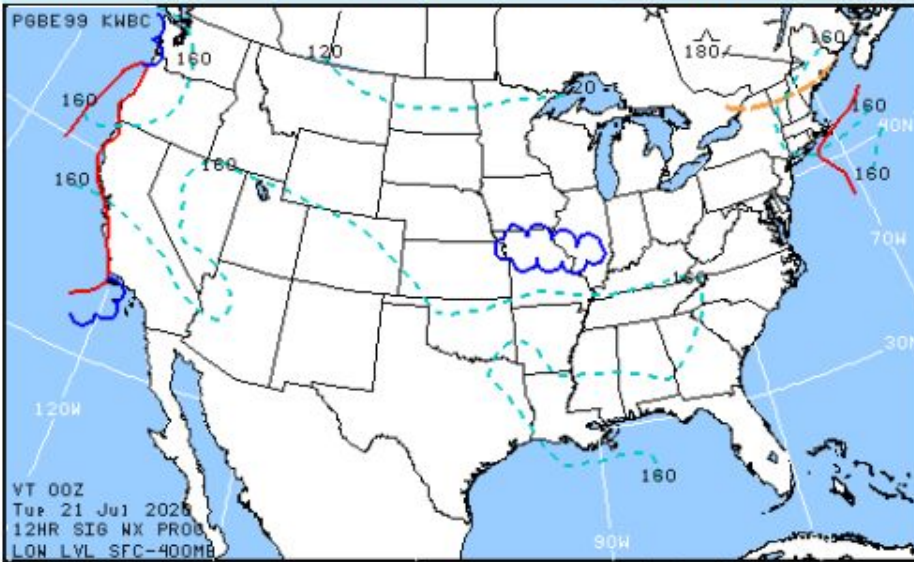
Prog Home High Mid Low Sfc Info

Low Level SigWx (SFC-FL240)

Time: 0000Z 21 Jul/1200Z 21 Jul

B&W

Enlarge Map



Flight planning only. See TAFs for specific terminal forecast.

ceiling less than 1000 ft and/or visibility less than 3 miles

ceiling 1000-3000 ft inclusive and/or visibility 3-5 miles incl

moderate or greater turbulence

freezing level above mean sea level
freezing level at surface
TStorms imply possible svr or greater turb, svr icing and LLWS.

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WPC Winter Forecasts



Probability of 4", 8", and 12" snowfall

Probability of Freezing rain exceeding 0.25"



Significant surface low forecast

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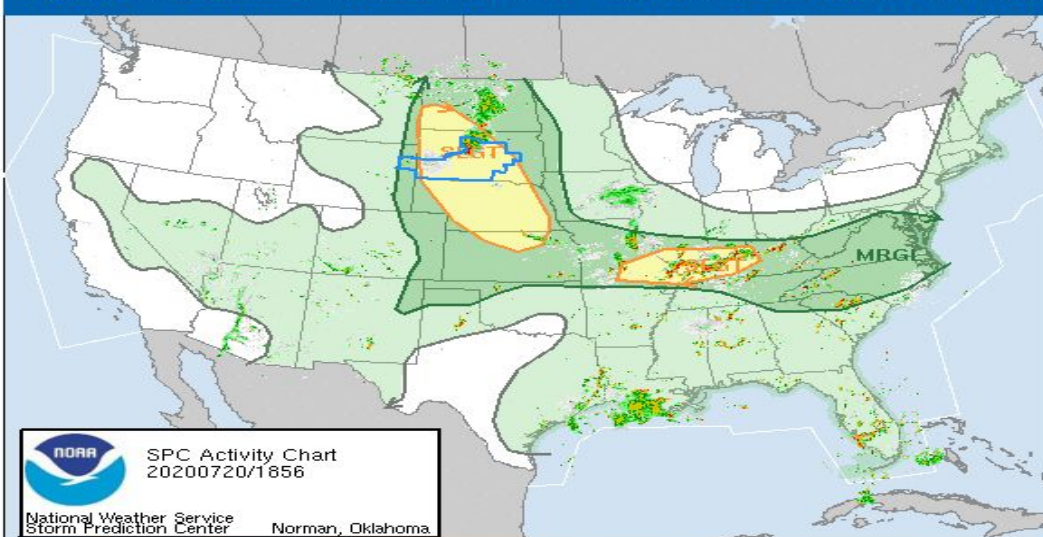


A Slight Risk of Severe Thunderstorms is Forecast Today and/or Tonight

Scattered strong to severe storms capable of large hail and damaging winds are expected over parts of the northern and central Plains, and the Mid Mississippi and Lower Ohio Valleys.

» For additional details, see the latest [Day 1 Convective Outlook](#).

Overview | Conv. Outlook | Watches | MDs | Storm Reports | Mesoanalysis | Fire | Hazards



Hazard	Mon (07/20)	Tue (07/21)	Wed (07/22)	Thu (07/23)	Fri (07/24)	Sat (07/25)	Sun (07/26)	Mon (07/27)
Severe	Slight	Marginal	Marginal	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area
Fire	Iso DryT	Iso DryT	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area	No Area

All Products | Watches | MDs | Outlooks | Fire

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM 0388
 - Valid until: 07/21/2020 0000Z
 - States affected: SD WY
 - Issued: 49 minutes ago

Mesoscale Discussion 1290
 - Concerning: SEVERE POTENTIAL...WATCH POSSIBLE
 - Issued: 07/20/2020 at 1742Z

Day 2 Convective Outlook
 - Categorical Risk: Marginal
 - Issued: 07/20/2020 at 1734Z

Mesoscale Discussion 1289
 - Concerning: SEVERE POTENTIAL...WATCH POSSIBLE
 - Issued: 07/20/2020 at 1716Z

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook
 - Categorical Risk: Iso DryT
 - Issued: 07/20/2020 at 1631Z

Day 1 Convective Outlook
 - Categorical Risk: Slight

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Thanks For spending the evening with us!



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