# New SPOT Program Customer Tutorial



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### Live Demonstration

### http://www.weather.gov/spot/



# **General Purpose/Requirements**

The purpose of the New Spot Webpage is to build upon the functionality of the existing spot page, and incorporate these new general requirements:

- One consolidated web presence
- Google mapping interface  $\rightarrow$  changing to ESRI
- All hazard applicable

# Front Page Changes

- Users now accesses ONE national page.
  - Eliminates need for 122+ start pages
  - Ensures correct office gets request
  - User can monitor areas covering multiple forecast areas

### **New Interface**



# **Submit SPOT Request**

### **Spot Forecast Request**

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#### Incident and Decision Support Forecast Request

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## Incident Location Interface

#### Step 1: Establish incident location using A or B below.



- Uses Google Map functions for the user to **drag and drop** marker to spot location, including zoom capability.
- Three geographic location boxes will prefill based on placement of marker:
  - Lat/Lon Decimal Degrees
  - Lat/Lon Deg/Min/Sec
  - U.S. National Grid Coordinates
- The user can also enter this information manually using format of choice.
  - Other two boxes will prefill, and map will zoom to help refine location if needed.

## Importance of Incident Location

- Important for customer to get location right, so the right forecast office gets the request.
- The new Spot web page will now determine which forecast office is responsible for the request.
- Fire Weather Area of Responsibility (AOR) boundaries are used for fire type requests.
- County Warning Area (CWA) boundaries are used for all other requests.

# **Incident Type Options**

#### Step 2: Select the incident type for the request.

Set Incident Type	
	Fire
	Wildfire Prescribed Fire
	Hazardous Materials
	HAZMAT Land
	Search and Rescue
	SAR Land
	Marine
	Other (Volcano, Earthquake, Special Event)
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### Step 3: Proceed to detailed incident request form.

After setting your location and incident type above, click on the 'Generate A Spot Request'	
button below to proceed to the SPOT request form.	
Generate A Spot Request	
Once Clicked, page 2 of the interface appea	rs.

- New step is to select the incident type like "Wildfire" or "HAZMAT Land".
- Selection is important because it determines what weather elements will be offered to the customer on the next page of the request form.
- This is a major enhancement over the old page. For example, marine elements are not needed for wildfire requests.

# SPOT Forecast Contact Info.

### Spot Forecast Incident Type: Prescribed Fire



- Required fields are highlighted in red.
- Top section added a field for email address.
- The "**Reason for Fire SPOT Request"** section shown in the example will disappear for non-fire requests.

# SPOT Location & Supplemental Info.

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- Required fields are highlighted in red.
- Location & elevation are extracted from the first page.
- The "**Supplemental Info"** section shown in the example will disappear for non-fire requests.

## **SPOT Forecast Information**



## **SPOT Forecast Information**

Forecast Information				
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This Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday		Select All
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			Sky/Weather	
			Temperature	
			Humidity	
			Chance of Precipitation	
			Lightning Activity Level	
			Wind (20 FT)	
			Mixing Height	
			Transport Winds	
			LVORI	
			LDSI	

- Each incident type has a required minimum set of forecast elements that must be offered.
- Additional elements may be offered by incident type.

## **Hysplit Feature**

### NOAA Hysplit Model

Would you like to include a run of the Hysplit Model with this request? If so please verify your email address above as this will be used to send you the hysplit model run.



- There is a radio button on the Spot Request page to request a HYSPLIT Trajectory run.
- The HYSPLIT model will run per its current defaults in the current spot webpage.
- The output is emailed to the address input at the top of the request form.
- NOTE: There may be more options available to customize these runs in the future.
- Emailed product does not provide dispersion or concentration. Please contact your local NWS if you need this product.

## **Observation Input**

Observations

(\*) When submitting an observation, the yellow fields are required in addition to at least one weather element.



Observation entry is a bit more standardized with the use of dropdown menus.

Pressing the submit button will send a STQ notification message to the WFO just like the old web page did

Submit Spot Request

Clicking the button below will create a one time spot request.

This request will be processed and a forecast will be generated by the servicing forecast office at the time they receive the spot request.

At any time until the expiration of this forecast, another immediate spot request may be generated off of the original request. Additionally, the immediate spot request can be converted into a scheduled request by contacting your servicing forecast office.

Submit Request Cancel

### **SPOT Request to the NWS**



# **Monitor SPOT Request**

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## **SPOT Monitor Interface**



# New vs. Old Monitor Interfaces

### **Old Monitoring Interface**



• Multiple requests for the same incident clutter up the display with multiple lines.

#### **NWS Spot Forecast Monitor** (84) Submit New Spot Request Map Satellite Waycross Brunswick Calendar (301) Okefenokee 23 Spot Monitor Legend Thomasville Valdosta (441) Kingsland (84) Nationa Fernandina W = Wildfire Wildlife Fargo Beach P = Prescribed Madison (301) 10 Jacksonville H = Hazmat + S = SAR (98) Perry Lake City M = Marine Starke St Augustine High Springs St Augustine Beach Alachua Completed Gainesville 98 Cross City Palatka Pending Palm Coast Question 95 Permalink for page bookmark (98) Davtona Beach Google X:216.38.80.221, 10.31.59.31 Ocala Ocala N Map data ©2016 Google, INEGI Terms of Use Report a map erro Active Spot Forecasts Type/Start Time Name Status WFO NWS JAX TEST SAR JAX **Request pending** Change Request | Submit Obs NWS JAX TEST SAR Request pending JAX Change Request | Submit Obs NWS JAX TEST Marine **Request pending** JAX Change Request | Submit Obs

- One line per incident. Only the latest forecast available.
- All incidents on one page.
- Map uses Google API  $\rightarrow$  can zoom in and out/shift map.
- Set your monitoring area by zooming/panning.
- Bookmark this link to monitor your selected area.
- Requests can be corrected via "Change Request."
- "Submit Obs" feature added
- When an incident is finished, it is closed by the forecast office.
- Data moved into archive.

### **New Monitoring Interface**

## Submit Observations

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#### Submit an Observation for incident: NWS JAX TEST

			Obse	rvations				
Site	Date	Wind	Temp	Sky	Wx	Vsby	Sig Wave	
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If you have more observations to submit, then click Add Another Observation.

When done, click **Submit Observation** to send the most recently added observation(s) to the supporting Forecast Office.

Add Another Observation Submit Observation

- This allows customers to enter observations for an incident without having to submit a new request.
- All observations for the incident will be databased and available to the forecaster.
- Forecasters will not need to look at multiple requests to analyze observations.

## Access your SPOT



Active Spot Forecasts						
Name	Type/Start Time	Status	WFO	Actions		
IWS JAX TEST	Prescribed 2016-08-13 11:00 AM EDT	Completed: 2016-08-13 10:21 AM EDT	JAX	Submit Obs		
IWS JAX TEST	SAR	Request pending	JAX	Change Request   Submit Obs		
IWS JAX TEST	SAR	Request pending	JAX	Change Request   Submit Obs		
IWS JAX TEST	Marine	Request pending	JAX	Change Request   Submit Obs		
IWS JAX TEST	Prescribed 2016-08-12 12:00 AM EDT	Request pending	JAX	Change Request   Submit Obs		
IWS JAX TEST	Other	Request pending	JAX	Change Request   Submit Obs		
Baker County Fire	Prescribed 2016-07-13 12:00 PM CDT	Request pending	JAX	Submit Obs		
yndall test	Wildfire	Completed: 2016-07-23 7:38 AM CDT	TAE	Submit Obs		

Click to access

# Access your SPOT

- No significant changes to resultant forecast product format.
- If observations are taken on incident (encouraged), they will appear here.

#### NWS JAX TEST Prescribed Fire

Forecast Start Time:2016-08-13 11:00 AM EDT Request Time: 2016-08-13 9:56 AM EDT Forecast Complete At: 2016-08-13 10:21 AM EDT



Requested By: NWS JAX Contact: A. Enyedi Phone: 904-741-4370 Fax:



Elevation: 67 Drainage: N Fork Black Creek Aspect: South Size: 20 Observations Site WB Date Elev Wind Temp RH Td Sky Wx Rmks Jennings Ranger Station 08/13/16 1030 65 SSE 6 85 72 75 Few This is a test.

Forecast:

SPOT FORECAST FOR NWS JAX TEST...NWS JAX NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE JACKSONVILLE FL 1021 AM EDT SAT AUG 13 2016

FORECAST IS BASED ON IGNITION TIME OF 1100 EDT ON AUGUST 13. IF CONDITIONS BECOME UNREPRESENTATIVE...CONTACT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

.DISCUSSION...THIS IS A TEST PRODUCT. THIS IS NOT FOR A REAL FIRE. THIS IS A TEST BY THE NWS JACKSONVILLE.

.REST OF TODAY...

SKY/WEATHER......MOSTLY SUNNY (35-45 PERCENT). CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. MAX TEMPERATURE.....AROUND 94. MIN HUMIDITY.....51 PERCENT. WIND (20 FT).....SOUTHEAST WINDS 8 TO 9 MPH. GUSTY AND ERRATIC WINDS EXPECTED NEAR THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. CHANCE OF PCPN.....30 PERCENT. LAL.....1 UNTIL 1400...THEN 2 UNTIL 1500...THEN 3. MIXING HEIGHT......3100-4700 FT AGL INCREASING TO 4100-5500 FT AGL EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. MIXING WINDS......SOUTHEAST 10 TO 12 MPH. DISPERSION INDEX....36. LVORI.....1. TIME (EDT) 11 AM 1 PM 3 PM 5 PM SKY (%).....23 55 41 54 WEATHER COV.... S CHC CHANCE CHANCE WEATHER TYPE....NONE RNSHWR RNSHWR RNSHWR TSTM COV..... S CHC CHANCE CHANCE TEMP.....86 94 90 93

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20 FT WINDS 5	S 5	S 6	SE 6
20 FT WIND GUST.15	15	15	15
MIX HGT (FT)3100	4700	5000	4100
MIXNG WINDS 10	s 10	S 10	SE 12
DISPERSION IDX40	35	32	31
LVORI1	1	1	1
CHC OF PCPN (%).10	20	30	40

## **Future SPOT Requests**

THIS IS A TEST.

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FORECASTER...ENYEDI
REQUESTED BY...A. ENYEDI
TYPE OF REQUEST...PRESCRIBED
.TAG 1600259.0/JAX

	Please Provide Feedback:		

Send Feedback

- Scroll down to the bottom of your SPOT Forecast.
- There are 3 options you can select to help expedite a new SPOT request.
- There are 2 new features:
- Copy Info to New Spot Request for this Incident
- 2. Request Immediate Forecast Update.



## **Request Immediate Forecast Update**

Send Feedback

Printer Friendly Version of Forecast Copy Info to Spot Request for a New Incident Copy Info to New Spot Request for this Incident Request Immediate Forecast Update **Request Immediate Forecast Update** If the forecast is not representative of current conditions, click this link to get an immediate updated forecast. The customer, not the NWS forecaster, will be allowed to edit the information related to the request. There will be opportunity to enter in new observations. If the customer realizes that the forecast is off, then it would be nice to submit an observation that would help the NWS create a new forecast.

## **Copy Info to New SPOT**

Send Feedback

Printer Friendly Version of Forecast Copy Info to Spot Request for a New Incident Copy Info to New Spot

Copy Info to New Spot Request for this Incident

Request Immediate Forecast Update

### **Copy Info to SPOT for New Incident**

 Use this link to retain all contact information for a specific incident type, but request a spot for a new and separate incident.

### Copy Info to NEW SPOT for this Incident

- Use this link to get another forecast for the same incident (cannot change lat/lon).
- Unlike "Request Immediate Forecast Update", the customer will get Page 2 of the request process. Weather elements can be adjusted and the forecast delivery date/time can be changed, etc.
- This allows customers to easily schedule the next needed forecast for an incident without having to re-enter most of the information.
- Allows new observations submitted to remain with the request.

## Live Demonstration

### http://www.weather.gov/spot/

From NWS Jacksonville Fire Weather Webpage, you can access the new SPOT here

#### NWS Jacksonville » Fire Weather

#### New SPOT Forecast Site

Official use only. Expected transition Date: Oct. 1, 2016

Request Spot Forecast (old version)

#### Fire Weather Questions?

Email Angie Envedi, fire weather focal point.

#### Local Fire Weather Products

#### Fire Weather Forecast (FWF)

Red Flag Warning/Fire Weather Watch (RFW) Fire Danger Rating Forecast (WIMS) Briefing Material: HYSPLIT • FARSITE (if available)

#### State & Federal Agency Links

USFS: US Fire Danger Map • Wildland Fire Assessment System Florida Forest Service: Homepage • Fire Weather Page Georgia Forestry Commission National Interagency Fire Center USDA Forest Service: Homepage • Fire & Aviation Management Emergency Management: Florida · Georgia Southern Area Coordination Center (SACC) - Incidents State Operating Plans: FL and • GA and

**Drought & Precipitation Analysis Links** 

Local Drought Monitor Page MesoWest Observation Page

#### Other Fire Weather Links SPC Fire Weather Outlooks NESDIS Fire Hazard Mapping System Fire Mapping: GeoMAC Wildfire Maps NESDIS Satellite Fire Monitoring NOAA Fire & Smoke Products NESDIS

#### Fire Danger Rating Maps...





### Summary

- Bookmark the new page, and start using: <u>http://www.weather.gov/spot/</u>
- New features on the SPOT website, but forecast product remains the same.
- Go-to operational date of the new SPOT site will be sometime after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> this year.
- Questions/Comments?



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