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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Weather Service Directives System (NDS) Customers

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SUBJECT: Rescission of Procedural Directive 10-202, National Digital Guidance Database Specifications

The following document is rescinded from the NDS:

NDS Title: National Digital Guidance Database Specifications
NDS Number: 10-202
Effective Date: October 5, 2017
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Certified By: W/AFS1 (Mark Tew)
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Summary: The National Digital Guidance Database (NDGD) is composed of guidance products related to the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD), which is the subject of Directive 10-201. Most NDGD elements are now disseminated independent from NDGD, and the AFSO Digital and Graphical Information Support Branch feels a NDGD stand-alone directive is no longer required and should be rescinded.

The following new section is proposed to be added to Directive 10-201:

6 National Digital Guidance Database (NDGD)

The NDGD is a complementary component to the NDFD that provides guidance to assist in the use of NDFD, such as related forecast model output and mesoscale analyses of observations. NDGD grid files are designed to be interoperable with NDFD. They are available for download in GRIB format from the following links:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/>
<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/>

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