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#### 1 Introduction

This procedural instruction describes narrative, tabular and graphical weather products issued by multiple National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) offices. The Canadian Urban Forecast, issued by the Meteorological Service of Canada, and retransmitted by the National Weather Service (NWS), is included for domestic public interests.

# 2 Short Range Forecast Discussion (PMDSPD)

#### 2.1 Mission Connection

The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) issues a Short Range Forecast Discussion that provides the meteorological reasoning behind the Surface Fronts and Pressure Charts (section 11) graphical products. This guidance is used by CONUS NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs)

and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. The Short Range Forecast Discussion is available at the following link: <u>https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/pmdspd.html</u>.

# 2.2 Issuance Guidance

# 2.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 2.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

# 2.2.3 Issuance Times

0900 and 2100 UTC.

# 2.2.4 Valid Time

1200 UTC Day 1 to 0000 UTC Day 3 for 0900 UTC issuance, and 0000 UTC Day 2 to 1200 UTC Day 3 for 2100 UTC issuance.

# 2.2.5 **Product Expiration Time**

Product expires with the next issuance.

# 2.3 Technical Description

The Short Range Forecast Discussion should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 2.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 2.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is Short Range Forecast Discussion.

# 2.3.3 Content

A narrative that may use standard NWS abbreviations that summarizes expected weather hazards, and describes the meteorological reasoning for the location of significant weather features and precipitation across the CONUS for the next 12 to 48 hours.

# 2.3.4 Format

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FXUS01 KWBC ddhhmm
PMDSPD
Short Range Forecast Discussion
NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD
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Time AM/PM TIMEZONE Day Mon dd yyyy
Valid hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy - hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy
...Descriptive Headline #1...
...Descriptive Headline #2...
(Up to 4 headlines may be used to call attention to noteworthy
conditions)
Free-form technical discussion that describes the national weather
pattern across the CONUS over the next couple days. Generally 2-3
paragraphs long.
Forecaster's Name
Graphics available at
www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/basicwx/basicwx\_ndfd.php

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#### 2.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

This product is not routinely updated or amended; however, amendments should be made if the National Hurricane Center (NHC) has introduced a named tropical system, or changed the storm strength or forecast track. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

#### 3 Extended Forecast Discussion (product category PMDEPD)

#### 3.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues an Extended Forecast Discussion that provides the meteorological reasoning behind the forecasts for Days 3 to 7. This guidance is used by CONUS NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community.

#### 3.2 Issuance Guidelines

#### 3.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

#### 3.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

#### 3.2.3 Issuance Time

Daily at 0700 UTC and 1900 UTC.

# 3.2.4 Valid Time

1200 UTC Day 3 to 1200 UTC Day 7.

# 3.2.5 **Product Expiration Time**

Product expires with next product issuance.

# 3.3 Technical Description

The Extended Forecast Discussion should follow the format and content described in this section.

#### 3.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 3.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is Extended Forecast Discussion.

# 3.3.3 Content

This is a text product that describes the meteorological reasoning, forecast uncertainty, and significant weather hazards associated with the Days 3 to 7 forecast, including generation of the Days 3 to 7 surface prognostications (progs; section 13). WPC also routinely produces gridded forecast guidance for the CONUS that includes temperature, dew point, winds, cloud cover, probability of precipitation, weather type, quantitative precipitation forecasts (QPF; see NWSI 10-930), and a Winter Weather Outlook (WWO; see NWSI 10-514). All Days 3 to 7 forecast products are available at the following link: <a href="https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/medr.shtml">https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/medr.shtml</a>.

#### 3.3.4 Format

```
FXUS02 KWBC ddhhmm
PMDEPD
Extended Forecast Discussion
NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD
Time AM/PM TIMEZONE Day Mon dd yyyy
Valid hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy - hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy
...Headline (only added in special circumstances to draw attention to a
significant threat in the extended forecast period)...
...Guidance/Predictability Assessment...
Description of the evolution of the larger scale pattern over the CONUS and
an analysis of model guidance preferences and uncertainty.
...Weather Pattern/Hazard Highlights...
A brief discussion of the potential for organized areas of hazardous
weather across the CONUS.
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Forecaster's Name Hazards: - (Short description of Hazard #1, valid dates) - (Short description of Hazard #2, valid dates) (list of hazards is appended from the Day 3-7 Hazards Outlook once per day, see section 3.4 Updates, Amendments and Corrections) Additional 3-7 Day Hazards information can be found on the WPC medium range hazards chart at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php WPC medium range 500mb heights, surface systems, weather grids, quantitative precipitation, winter weather outlook probabilities and heat indices are at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/5dayfcst500 wbg.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/5dayfcst wbg conus.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/5km grids/5km gridsbody.html https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/day4-7.shtml https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/pwpf d47/pwpf medr.php?day=4 https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heat index.shtml

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# 3.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Updated once by 2030 UTC, Monday through Friday only, to append headlines from the Day 3-7 Hazards Outlook. The update does not occur on Saturday and Sunday. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

#### 4 Alaska Extended Forecast Discussion (product category PMDAK)

#### 4.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues an Extended Forecast Discussion for the state of Alaska that provides the meteorological reasoning behind the forecasts for Days 4 to 8. This guidance is used by Alaska WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. The products support the NWS public and aviation weather programs.

#### 4.2 Issuance Guidelines

#### 4.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

#### 4.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

#### 4.2.3 Issuance Time

Daily at 0000 UTC.

#### 4.2.4 Valid Time

1200 UTC Day 4 to 1200 UTC Day 8.

#### 4.2.5 **Product Expiration Time**

Product expires with next product issuance.

#### 4.3 Technical Description

The Alaska Extended Forecast Discussion should follow the format and content described in this section.

#### 4.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

#### 4.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is Alaska Extended Forecast Discussion.

#### 4.3.3 Content

This is a text product that describes the meteorological reasoning, forecast uncertainty, and significant weather hazards associated with the Days 4 to 8 forecast, including generation of the Days 4 to 8 surface prognostications (progs; section 14). WPC also routinely produces gridded forecast guidance for Alaska that includes temperature, dew point, winds, cloud cover, probability of precipitation, and weather type. All Days 4 to 8 forecast products for Alaska are available at the following link: <a href="https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/akmedr.shtml">https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/akmedr.shtml</a>.

#### 4.3.4 Format

FXAK02 KWNH ddhhmm
PMDAK
Alaska Extended Forecast Discussion
NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD
Time AM/PM TIMEZONE Day Mon dd yyyy
Valid hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy - hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy
...Headline (only added in special circumstances to draw attention to a
significant threat in the extended forecast period)...
...Overview and Guidance/Predictability Assessment...
Description of the evolution of the larger scale pattern over the CONUS and
an analysis of model guidance preferences and uncertainty.

...Weather/Hazard Highlights...

A brief discussion of the potential for organized areas of hazardous weather across the CONUS.

Forecaster's Name

Hazards: - (Short description of Hazard #1, valid dates) - (Short description of Hazard #2, valid dates) (list of hazards is appended from the Day 3-7 Hazards Outlook; only includes Alaska hazards in this discussion) Additional 3-7 Day Hazards information can be found on the WPC medium range hazards chart at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php WPC medium range Alaskan products including 500mb, surface fronts/pressures progs and sensible weather grids can also be found at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/ak\_5dayfcst500\_wbg.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/akmedr.shtml https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/ak\_5km\_gridsbody.html

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#### 4.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

This product is not updated or amended. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

#### 5 Hawaii Discussion (product category PMDHI)

#### 5.1 Mission Connection

The Hawaii Discussion focuses on Days 1-7 model differences, and highlights the reasoning used by the WPC forecaster in terms of model preferences for particular weather situations. This product supports the public and private sector with a focus on Hawaii.

#### 5.2 Issuance Guidelines

#### 5.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

#### 5.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

#### 5.2.3 Issuance Time

1200 UTC.

# 5.2.4 Valid Time

0000 UTC Day 1 to 0000 UTC Day 8.

# 5.2.5 **Product Expiration Time**

Product expires after the next product issuance.

# 5.3 Technical Description

The Hawaii Discussion should follow the format and content described in this section.

#### 5.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

#### 5.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is Hawaii Extended Forecast Discussion.

#### 5.3.3 Content

This is a text product that describes the meteorological reasoning for the location of significant weather and precipitation features in the vicinity of the Hawaiian Islands for the 7 day period.

#### 5.3.4 Format

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FXHW01 KWNH ddhhmm
PMDHI
Hawaii Extended Forecast Discussion
NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD
Time AM/PM TIMEZONE Day Mon dd yyyy
Valid hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy - hhZ Day Mon dd yyyy
...Headline (only added in special circumstances to draw attention to a
significant threat in the extended forecast period)...
A brief discussion highlighting model differences and preferences, and the
relationship to significant weather and precipitation.
Forecaster's Name
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#### 5.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

No updates are issued for this product. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

# 6 Caribbean Discussion (product category PMDCA)

# 6.1 Mission Connection

The WPC International Desks issue the Caribbean Discussion as an operational product in support of the San Juan, PR WFO, and as guidance to Mexican, Central American and Caribbean Basin users. It includes a forecast discussion and model comparison.

# 6.2 Issuance Guidelines

# 6.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 6.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

# 6.2.3 Issuance Time

Preliminary discussion in support of the San Juan WFO issued by 1300 UTC, Monday through Friday, and on weekends and holidays upon request, or for significant weather events. Basin-wide discussion issued by 1830 UTC, Monday through Friday only, and excluding holidays.

# 6.2.4 Valid Time

Preliminary discussion is valid from 1200 UTC Day 1 through 0000 UTC Day 5. Basin-wide discussion is valid from 0000 UTC Day 1 through 1200 UTC Day 3.

# 6.2.5 Product Expiration Time

Product expires with next product issuance.

# 6.3 Technical Description

The Caribbean Discussion should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 6.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 6.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is TROPICAL DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS.

# 6.3.3 Content

The preliminary discussion provides a synopsis and forecast focused solely on the San Juan WFO forecast area, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The basin-wide discussion gives a synopsis and forecast for Mexico, the Caribbean and South America north of the Equator. An accompanying set of graphics for the Caribbean basin is produced each day, as well as quantitative precipitation forecast (QPF) guidance for the San Juan WFO. These graphics are available at the following links:

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/international/crb\_day1-3.shtml https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/pr\_qpf.php

#### 6.3.4 Format

The format is described separately below for the preliminary discussion (first) and the basinwide discussion (second).

FXCA20 KWBC ddhhmm PMDCA TROPICAL DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD TIME AM/PM TIMEZONE DAY MON dd yyyy

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE USVI FROM MON dd/hhutC: (FREE FORM DISCUSSION WITH FORECAST SUMMARY AND MODEL COMPARISON)

FORECASTER NAME...WPC (USA)

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FXCA20 KWBC ddhhmm PMDCA

TROPICAL DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD TIME AM/PM TIMEZONE DAY MON dd yyyy

TROPICAL DISCUSSION FROM MONTH dd/hhutc: (REGION #1...REGIONAL FORECAST DISCUSSION THAT DESCRIBES THE SYNOPTIC WEATHER PATTERN AND PRECIPITATION POTENTIAL)

(REGION #2...ADDITIONAL REGIONAL DISCUSSIONS AS NECESSARY)

TROPICAL/EASTERLY WAVES INITIALIZED ON MONTH dd AT hh UTC: TYPE - dd/hh dd/hh dd/hh dd/hh dd/hh dd/hh SOF ΤW - XXW XXW XXW XXW XXW XXW XXW XXN XXW XXW DISS ---TW -XXW XXW XXW --- xxN ----XXW EXITS ---TW \_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ --- xxN

(THIS SECTION IS USED TO TRACK AND DESCRIBE SIGNIFICANT TROPICAL WAVES AND OTHER FEATURES OF INTEREST IN THE TROPICS. A DATA TABLE IS INCLUDED FIRST IN THE FORMAT SHOWN ABOVE WITH "xx" INDICATING LATITUDE OR LONGITUDE. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL FEATURES OF INTEREST)

FORECASTER NAME... (USA) FORECASTER NAME... (ORGANIZATION) (COUNTRY)

# 6.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

This product is not updated or amended. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

# 7 South America Forecast Discussion (product category PMDSA)

# 7.1 Mission Connection

WPC International Desks issue an overview discussion of numerical model guidance for South America to regional users.

# 7.2 Issuance Guidelines

# 7.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 7.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

# 7.2.3 Issuance Time

1630 UTC, Monday through Friday only, and excluding holidays.

# 7.2.4 Valid Time

0000 UTC Day 1 through 0000 UTC Day 6.

# 7.2.5 **Product Expiration Time**

Product expires with next product issuance.

# 7.3 Technical Description

The South America Forecast Discussion should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 7.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 7.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is SOUTH AMERICA FORECAST DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS.

# 7.3.3 Content

This text bulletin provides an overview of the model forecasts and associated weather for South America for Days 1 through 6. An accompanying set of graphics for South America is produced each day, and these graphics are available at the following link: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/international/sam\_fcsts.shtml

#### 7.3.4 Format

FXSA20 KWBC ddhhmm
PMDSA
SOUTH AMERICA FORECAST DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS
NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD
TIME AM/PM TIMEZONE DAY MON dd yyyy
GFS DATA AT FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/GFS/PROD/
FORECAST DISCUSSION FROM MONTH dd/hhuTC: FREE FORM DISCUSSION THAT DESCRIBES
THE SYNOPTIC WEATHER PATTERN...PRECIPITATION POTENTIAL...AND SIGNIFICANT
WEATHER EVENTS ACROSS SOUTH AMERICA.
FORECASTER NAME...(ORGANIZATION) (COUNTRY)
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#### 7.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

No updates or amendments are issued for this product. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

#### 8 Surface Fronts and Pressure Analysis (product categories 90F, 90I)

#### 8.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues the Surface Fronts and Pressure Analysis as guidance to CONUS NWS WFOs and Alaskan WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. The product extends a historical legacy and archive of map analysis that extends back to the earliest days of the NWS.

The product also forms a portion of the NWS Unified Surface Analysis, which is jointly produced by NHC, the Ocean Prediction Center (OPC), and WFO Honolulu, Hawaii and integrates analysis from multiple offices for a large portion of the Northern Hemisphere. More information on the Unified Surface Analysis is available at this link: <u>https://ocean.weather.gov/unified\_analysis.php</u>.

#### 8.2 Issuance Guidelines

#### 8.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

#### 8.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

# 8.2.3 Issuance Time and Valid Time

Refer to Table 1.

	WPC Surface Fronts and Pressure Analysis Product Schedule								
Valid Time (UTC)	Issuance Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	WMO Header	Product Description					
0000	0130	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
0300	0430	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
0600	0730	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
0900	1030	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
1200	1330	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
1500	1630	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
1800	1930	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					
2100	2230	RBG90F RBG90I	PYAA98 KWNO PPAA89 KWNO	Surface Front & Pressure Analysis (N. America, CONUS, AK, Regional U.S.)					

**Table 1:** Surface Fronts and Pressure Chart Issuance and Valid Times

# 8.2.4 **Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

# 8.3 Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content described in this section and described in more detail in the NCEP Unified Surface Analysis Manual located here: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/sfc/UASfcManual.pdf.

# 8.3.1 MND Broadcast Line and Header

Not applicable.

# 8.3.2 Content

This product depicts the analysis of synoptic and sub-synoptic / mesoscale surface features including highs, lows, fronts, troughs, outflow boundaries, squall lines, and dry lines. The analysis domain covers most of North America, the Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific oceans, and the Gulf of America.

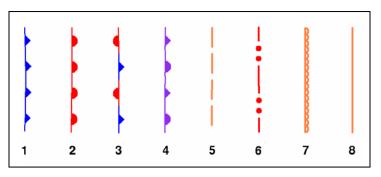


Figure 1: Symbols Used for Surface Analysis

# **Key to Features**

1 – Cold Front; 2 – Warm Front; 3 – Stationary Front; 4 – Occluded Front; 5 – Trough ("TROF"), also used to Depict Outflow Boundary ("OUTFLOW BNDRY"); 6 – Squall Line; 7 – Dry Line; 8 – Tropical Wave ("TRPCL WAVE")

# 8.3.3 Format

Product will follow the format as indicated by Figure 2 below, which shows a North American scale version of the analysis. Additional map domains are available at the following link: <u>https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/sfc2.shtml</u>.

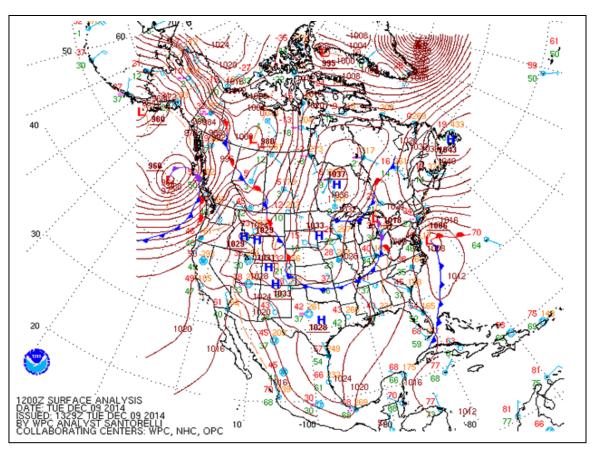


Figure 2: Surface Fronts and Pressure Analysis

# 8.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Products are not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

# 9 Coded Surface Frontal Positions (product category CODSUS)

#### 9.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues the Coded Surface Frontal Positions as guidance to NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community.

# 9.2 Issuance Guidelines

# 9.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 9.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

# 9.2.3 Issuance Time and Valid Time

Refer to Tables 2 and 3.

Table 2: Coded Surface Front	al Position Product Schedule f	or Low Resolution Product
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WPC Coded Surface Frontal Position Schedule					
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	Product Description	
0130	0000	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
0430	0300	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
0730	0600	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
1030	0900	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
1330	1200	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
1630	1500	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
1930	1800	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	
2230	2100	CODSUS	ASUS01 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis	

WPC Coded Surface Frontal Position Schedule						
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	<b>Product Description</b>		
0130	0000	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis		
0430	0300	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis		
0730	0600	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis		

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1030	0900	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis
1330	1200	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis
1630	1500	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis
1930	1800	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis
2230	2100	CODSUS	ASUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal analysis

# 9.2.4 **Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

# 9.3 Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 9.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 9.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS.

# 9.3.3 Content

These are text bulletins that describe the latitude and longitude positions of vertices along the analyzed frontal positions or significant weather features, as well as the positions of high and low pressure centers. The low resolution product rounds the latitude and longitude to the nearest degree. The high resolution product reports latitude and longitude to a tenth of a degree.

Here is specific information on how to decode / interpret the bulletin:

44109:	44°N Latitude, 109°W Longitude (coordinates for low resolution product)
4431092:	44.3°N Latitude, 109.2°W Longitude (coordinates for high resolution product)
HIGHS:	High Pressure Centers
LOWS:	Low Pressure Centers
COLD:	Cold Front
WK:	Weak
WARM:	Warm Front
STNRY:	Stationary Front
TROF:	Surface Boundary (can be a trough, outflow boundary, squall line, or dry line)
OCFNT:	Occluded Front

The valid time is decoded MMDDHH.

#### 9.3.4 Format

The format shown below is for the low-resolution product. The latitude and longitude will be slightly different in the high-resolution product, as described in section 9.3.3. Pressure values are indicated by "p," latitude values are indicated by "A," and longitude values are indicated by "O."

ASUS01 KWBC ddhhmm CODSUS

CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD TIME AM/PM TIMEZONE DAY MON dd yyyy

VALID mmddhhZ HIGHS pppp AAOO pppp AAOOO (sequence repeats as necessary; note that longitude varies in length depending on whether it is east or west of 100°W) LOWS pppp AAOO pppp AAOO (sequence repeats as necessary) TROF AAOO AAOOO AAOOO AAOOO (sequence repeats as necessary) COLD WK AAOOO AAOOO AAOOO AAOOO (sequence repeats as necessary) COLD AAOO AAOOO AAOOO (sequence repeats as necessary)

(The product will include as many lines as needed to convey all the features included on a particular surface analysis)

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#### 9.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

This product is not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

#### **10** Today's National Forecast Chart (no product ID or Header)

#### **10.1** Mission Connection

WPC compiles three significant weather charts that highlight the critical weather expected over the next three days for the CONUS. These products are used by NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. A Spanish version is also issued for all three days.

#### **10.2** Issuance Guidelines

#### **10.2.1** Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

#### 10.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

#### 10.2.3 Issuance Time and Valid Time

Refer to Table 4.

WPC National Forecast Chart Product Schedule					
Version Issuance Time Valid Time					
Day 1	1000 UTC	1200 UTC Day 1 to 1200 UTC Day 2			
Day 2	1000 UTC	1200 UTC Day 2 to 1200 UTC Day 3			
Day 3	1000 UTC	1200 UTC Day 3 to 1200 UTC Day 4			
Day 1 Update	2200 UTC	0000 UTC Day 2 to 1200 UTC Day 2			

#### Table 4: National Forecast Chart Product Schedule

# **10.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Product expires with the next issuance.

#### **10.3** Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content in this section.

# 10.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 10.3.2 MND Header

Not applicable.

# 10.3.3 Content

These are graphical products that depict the instantaneous positions of frontal features (warm, cold, occluded, trough lines, etc.) and high and low pressure centers at the valid time of the product. In addition, significant weather hazards such as flash flooding, severe thunderstorms, winter weather, and critical fire weather are highlighted. Finally, general precipitation areas, such as rain and snow, are also depicted.

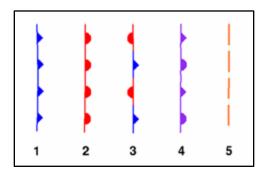


Figure 3: Symbols Used for National Forecast Charts

#### **Key to Features:**

1 - Cold Front; 2 - Warm Front; 3 - Stationary Front; 4 - Occluded Front; 5 - Trough ("TROF")

# 10.3.4 Format

Product will follow the format as indicated in Figure 4, below.

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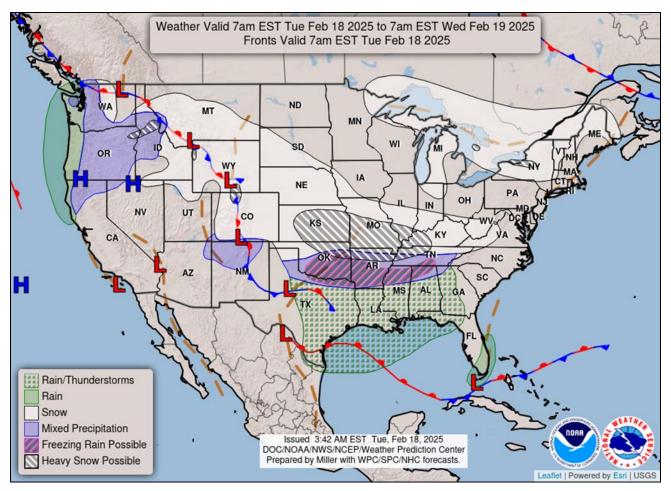


Figure 4: National Forecast Chart

The National Forecast Chart is available as a static image, and as an interactive map where the user can zoom and turn layers on and off. The interactive map is available at the following link: <u>https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/NationalForecastChart/map.php</u>.

# 10.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

The Day 1 chart is updated routinely each day by 2200 UTC. The Day 2 and 3 charts can be updated when there are tropical systems on the map, to reflect the latest forecast position from NHC. Corrections are issued as necessary.

# 11 Surface Fronts and Pressure Charts (12-60 hours) (product categories 91F, 92F, 93F, 94F, 95F, 96F, 98F, 99F)

## **11.1** Mission Connection

WPC issues the surface fronts and pressure charts as guidance to CONUS NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. These products describe the location and strength of major meteorological features over the next 60 hours.

# **11.2 Issuance Guidelines**

## **11.2.1** Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

# **11.2.2** Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

## 11.2.3 Issuance Time and Valid Time

Refer to Table 5.

WPC Short-Range Surface Fronts and Pressure Chart Schedule				
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	<b>Product Description</b>
0300	0600 Day 1	RGB91F	PPIA01 KWBC	06-hour fronts and pressures
	1200 Day 1	RBG92F	PPIC01 KWBC	12-hour fronts and pressures
0430	1800 Day 1	RBG93F	PPID01 KWBC	18-hour fronts and pressures
	0000 Day 2	RBG94F	PPIE01 KWBC	24-hour fronts and pressures
0700	0600 Day 2	RBG95F	PPIF01 KWBC	30-hour fronts and pressures
	1200 Day 2	RBG96F	PPIG01 KWBC	36-hour fronts and pressures
	0000 Day 3	RBG98F	PPII01 KWBC	48-hour fronts and pressures
	1200 Day 3	RBG99F	PPIK01 KWBC	60-hour fronts and pressures
1500	1800 Day 1	RGB91F	PPIA01 KWBC	06-hour fronts and pressures
	0000 Day 2	RBG92F	PPIC01 KWBC	12-hour fronts and pressures
1630	0600 Day 2	RBG93F	PPID01 KWBC	18-hour fronts and pressures
	1200 Day 2	RBG94F	PPIE01 KWBC	24-hour fronts and pressures
1900	1800 Day 2	RBG95F	PPIF01 KWBC	30-hour fronts and pressures
	0000 Day 3	RBG96F	PPIG01 KWBC	36-hour fronts and pressures
	1200 Day 3	RBG98F	PPII01 KWBC	48-hour fronts and pressures
	0000 Day 4	RBG99F	PPIK01 KWBC	60-hour fronts and pressures

#### **11.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

# **11.3** Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content in this section.

# 11.3.1 MND Broadcast Line and Header

Not applicable.

#### 11.3.2 Content

These are graphical products that depict the instantaneous positions of frontal features (warm, cold, occluded, trough lines) and high and low pressure centers at the valid time of the product. Shaded areas of precipitation that underlay the fronts and pressures are from NDFD and will automatically refresh to reflect the most current data.

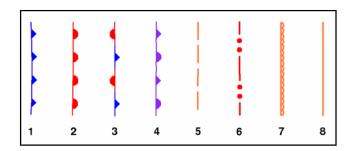


Figure 5: Symbols Used for Surface Fronts and Pressure Charts

# Key to Features:

1 – Cold Front; 2 – Warm Front; 3 – Stationary Front; 4 – Occluded Front; 5 – Trough ("TROF"), also used to Depict Outflow Boundary ("OUTFLOW BNDRY"); 6 – Squall Line; 7 – Dry Line; 8 – Tropical Wave ("TRPCL WAVE")

# 11.3.3 Format

Product will follow the format as indicated in Figure 6.

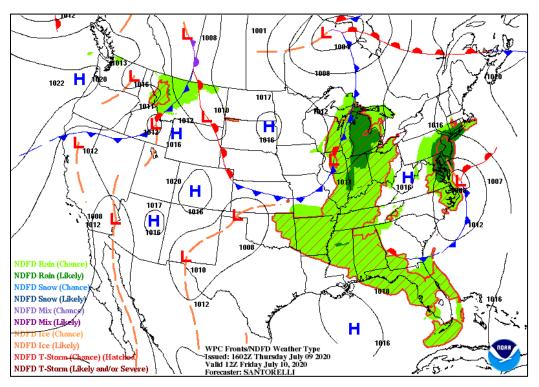


Figure 6: Surface Fronts and Pressure Chart

# 11.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Products are typically not updated or amended, with the exception of instances when NHC changes a tropical cyclone track or strength. Corrections are made as necessary.

# 12 Coded Surface Frontal Positions Forecast (product category CODSRP)

## **12.1** Mission Connection

WPC issues coded Surface Frontal Position Forecasts. These products are used by NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community.

# **12.2** Issuance Guidelines

# 12.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 12.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

# 12.2.3 Issuance Time and Valid Time

Refer to Table 6.

#### Table 6: Coded Surface Frontal Position Product Schedule

WPC Coded Surface Frontal Position Schedule					
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	Product Description	
0430	1200 Day 1 0000 Day 2	CODSRP	FSUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal forecast	
0700	1800 Day 1 0600 Day 2 1200 Day 2 0000 Day 3	CODSRP	FSUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal forecast	
1630	0000 Day 2 1200 Day 2	CODSRP	FSUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal forecast	
1900	0600 Day 2 1800 Day 2 0000 Day 3 1200 Day 3	CODSRP	FSUS02 KWBC	Coded description of frontal forecast	

# **12.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

# **12.3** Technical Description

Message should follow the format and content described in this section.

# **12.3.1 MND Broadcast Line**

Not applicable.

#### 12.3.2 MND Header

The MND header is CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS FORECAST.

## 12.3.3 Content

These are text bulletins that describe the latitudes and longitudes (to the nearest degree) of vertices along the forecast frontal positions, along with the positions of highs and lows and pressures. These correspond directly with the 92F, 94F, 96F, 98F products described in Section 11. These text messages allow the private sector, academia, and the media to plot the location of these weather systems.

Here is specific information on how to decode / interpret the bulletin:

44109:	44°N Latitude, 109°W Longitude
HIGHS:	High Pressure Centers
LOWS:	Low Pressure Centers
COLD:	Cold Front
WK:	Weak
WARM:	Warm Front
STNRY:	Stationary Front
TROF:	Surface Boundary (can be a trough, outflow boundary, squall line, or dry line)
OCFNT:	Occluded Front

The valid time is decoded MMDDHH.

#### 12.3.4 Format

The product will follow the format shown below. Pressure values are indicated by "p," latitude values are indicated by "A," and longitude values are indicated by "O."

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FSUS02 KWBC ddhhmm
CODSRP
CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS FORECAST
NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD
TIME AM/PM TIMEZONE DAY MON dd yyyy
hhHR PROG VALID mmddhhZ
HIGHS pppp AA00 pppp AA000 (sequence repeats as necessary; note that
longitude varies in length depending on whether it is east or west of 100°W)
LOWS pppp AA00 pppp AA00 (sequence repeats as necessary)
TROF AAOO AAOOO AAOOO (sequence repeats as necessary)
COLD WK AA000 AA000 AA000 (sequence repeats as necessary)
COLD AAOO AAOO AAOO AAOO (sequence repeats as necessary)
(The product will include as many lines as needed to convey all the features
included on a particular forecast chart)
(Multiple forecast hours can be included in the same product. The block of
Formatted text just repeats, beginning with hhHR PROG VALID mmddhhZ.)
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Medium Range Day 5 Surface Forecast

Medium Range Day 6 Surface Forecast

Medium Range Day 7 Surface Forecast

# 12.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Products are not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

## 13 Days 3 - 7 Surface Progs (product categories 9JH-9NH)

#### **13.1** Mission Connection

WPC issues Days 3 through 7 Surface Progs for the CONUS as guidance to NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. These products describe the location of surface fronts and pressures for Days 3 through 7.

# 13.2 Issuance Guidelines

# **13.2.1** Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products. Additional gridded forecast guidance is generated using AWIPS Graphical Forecast Editor (GFE).

# 13.2.2 Issuance Criteria

There are routine, schedule-driven products.

# 13.2.3 Issuance and Valid Time

Refer to Table 7.

WPC Day 3-7 Surface Prog Product Schedule						
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	<b>Product Description</b>		
0430, 1630	1200 Day 3	RBG9JH	PPHK01 KWBC	Medium Range Day 3 Surface Forecast		
0430, 1630	1200 Day 4	RBG9KH	PPHM01 KWBC	Medium Range Day 4 Surface Forecast		

RBG9LH

RBG9MH

RBG9NH

PPHO01 KWBC

PPTG98 KWBC

PPTR98 KWBC

# Table 7: Day 3-7 Surface Prog Product Schedule

1200 Day 5

1200 Day 6

1200 Day 7

# **13.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

0430, 1630

0430, 1630

0430, 1630

# **13.3** Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content described in this section.

# **13.3.1 MND Broadcast Line**

Not applicable.

# 13.3.2 MND Header

Not applicable.

# 13.3.3 Content

These are graphical products that depict the locations of surface fronts and pressures over the CONUS, and adjacent portions of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, for Days 3 through 7. WPC also routinely produces gridded forecast guidance for the CONUS that includes temperature, dew point, winds, cloud cover, probability of precipitation, weather type, quantitative precipitation forecasts (QPF; see NWSI 10-930), and a Winter Weather Outlook (WWO; see NWSI 10-514). All Days 3 to 7 forecast products are available at the following link: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/medr.shtml.

Additionally, WPC issues Days 3 to 7 surface progs for a large portion of the Northern Hemisphere once per day by 2130 UTC, incorporating the final progs for Alaska (section 14).

# 13.3.4 Format

Product will follow the format indicated in Figures 7 and 8 below.

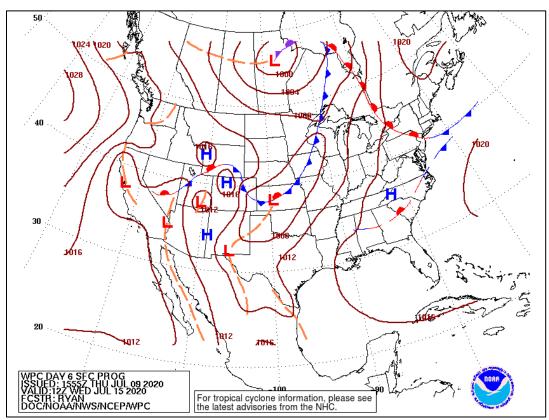


Figure 7: Day 3 to 7 Surface Prog Example (CONUS)

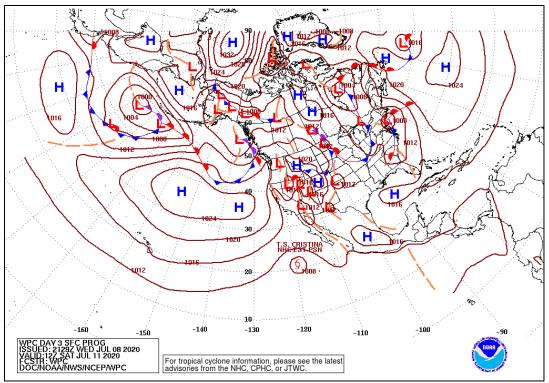


Figure 8: Day 3 to 7 Surface Prog Example (Northern Hemisphere)

# 13.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Products are not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

# 14 Days 4 – 8 Alaska Surface Progs (no product ID or Header)

#### 14.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues Days 4 through 8 Surface Progs for Alaska as guidance to NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. These products describe the location of surface fronts and pressures for Days 4 through 8.

# 14.2 Issuance Guidelines

# 14.2.1 Creation Software

WPC will use the National Centers AWIPS (NAWIPS) software to generate these products. Additional gridded forecast guidance is generated using AWIPS GFE.

# 14.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

# 14.2.3 Issuance and Valid Time

Refer to Table 8.

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WPC Day 4-8 Alaska Surface Progs Schedule						
Issuance Time	Product Description					
2030 UTC	1200 UTC Day 4	Alaska Medium Range Day 4 Surface Forecast				
2030 UTC	1200 UTC Day 5	Alaska Medium Range Day 5 Surface Forecast				
2030 UTC	1200 UTC Day 6	Alaska Medium Range Day 6 Surface Forecast				
2030 UTC	1200 UTC Day 7	Alaska Medium Range Day 7 Surface Forecast				
2030 UTC	1200 UTC Day 8	Alaska Medium Range Day 8 Surface Forecast				

#### Table 8: Day 4-8 Alaska Surface Progs Product Schedule

# 14.2.4 Product Expiration Time

Not applicable.

#### 14.3 Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 14.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 14.3.2 MND Header

Not applicable.

# 14.3.3 Content

These are graphical products that depict the locations of surface fronts and pressures over Alaska, and adjacent portions of the Pacific and Arctic Oceans, for Days 4 through 8. WPC also routinely produces gridded forecast guidance for Alaska that includes temperature, dew point, winds, cloud cover, probability of precipitation, and weather type. All Days 4 to 8 forecast products for Alaska are available at the following link: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/akmedr.shtml.

## 14.3.4 Format

Product will follow the format indicated in Figure 9 below.

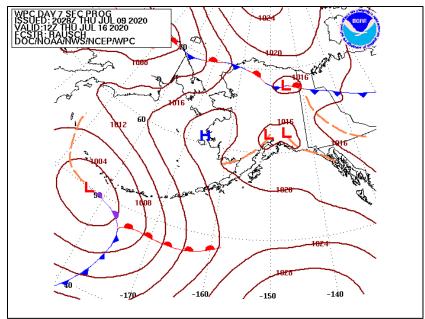


Figure 9: Day 4 to 8 Alaska Surface Prog Example

# 14.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Products are not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

# 15 Days 3 - 7 Temp./Precipitation Forecast (product categories 93P-97P)

# 15.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues the Days 3 - 7 Temperature/Precipitation Forecast as guidance to CONUS NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community.

# 15.2 Issuance Guidelines

# **15.2.1** Creation Software

WPC uses National Centers AWIPS (N-AWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 15.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

# 15.2.3 Issuance and Valid Time

Refer to Table 9.

WPC Day 3-7 Temperature/Precipitation Forecast Anomalies Product Schedule						
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Date	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	Product Description		
0400, 1600	Day 3	RBG93P	PYWK43 KWBC	Day 3 Temp./Precipitation Forecast		

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0400, 1600	Day 4	RBG94P	PYWM44 KWBC	Day 4 Temp./Precipitation Forecast
0400, 1600	Day 5	RBG95P	PYWO45 KWBC	Day 5 Temp./Precipitation Forecast
0400, 1600	Day 6	RBG96P	PYWQ46 KWBC	Day 6 Temp./Precipitation Forecast
0400, 1600	Day 7	RBG97P	PYWS98 KWBC	Day 7 Temp./Precipitation Forecast

## **15.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

## **15.3** Technical Description

Products should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 15.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 15.3.2 MND Header

Not applicable.

#### 15.3.3 Content

These are graphical products that depict the Days 3 - 7 temperature and probability of precipitation (PoP) for 93 stations over the CONUS. The graphical product is accompanied by a text file that lists the forecast values in a tabular format, including anomalies of temperatures and PoP. The text file can be found at this link: <u>https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/newlistfile</u>.

#### 15.3.4 Format

Product will follow the format indicated in Figure 10 below.

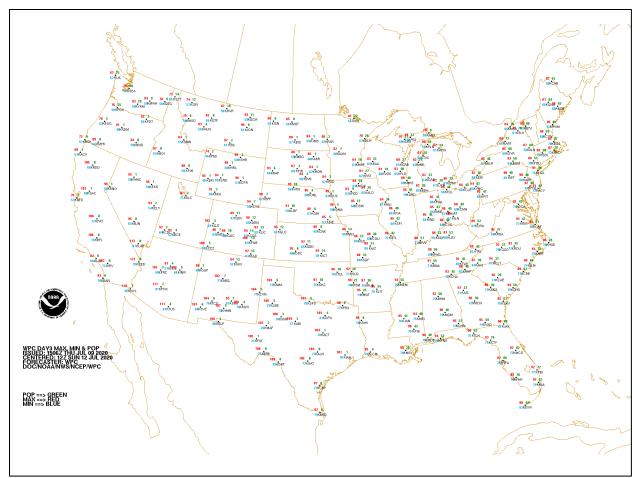


Figure 10: Days 3-7 Temperature/Precipitation Forecast Chart Example

# 15.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Products are not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

# 16 5-Day Mean Max/Min Temperature Anomalies (product categories 95A, 95B)

# 16.1 Mission Connection

WPC issues the 5-day Mean Maximum and Minimum Temperature Anomaly Charts as guidance to CONUS NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community. These products describe the maximum and minimum temperature anomalies from climatology over the next five days.

# 16.2 Issuance Guidelines

# **16.2.1** Creation Software

WPC uses National Centers AWIPS (N-AWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 16.2.2 Issuance Criteria

These are routine, schedule-driven products.

#### 16.2.3 Issuance and Valid Time

Refer to Table 10.

Table 10: Mean 5 D	ay Max/Min Temperatur	e Anomaly Product Schedule
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WP	WPC Mean 5-Day Max/Min Temperature Anomalies Product Schedule						
Issuance Time (UTC)	Valid Time (UTC)	AWIPS ID	(WMO Header)	<b>Product Description</b>			
1000	1200 Day 1 - 1200 Day 5	RBG95A	PTIO52 KWBC	5 - Day Mean Maximum Temperature Anomaly (MOS)			
1000	1200 Day 1 - 1200 Day 5	RBG95B	PTIO53 KWBC	5 - Day Mean Minimum Temperature Anomaly (MOS)			

#### **16.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Not applicable.

## 16.3 Technical Description

Charts should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 16.3.1 MND Broadcast Line and Header

Not applicable.

# 16.3.2 Content

These are graphical products that depict the mean GFS MOS maximum and minimum temperature anomalies in degrees Fahrenheit from climatology.

## 16.3.3 Format

Products will follow the format indicated in Figures 11 and 12 below.

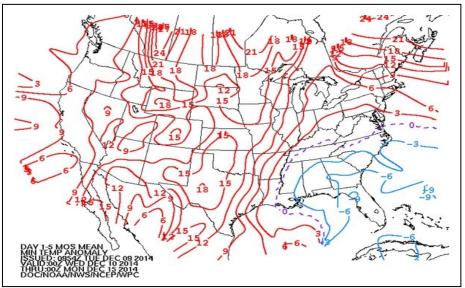


Figure 11: Mean 5-Day Minimum Temperature Anomaly (MOS)

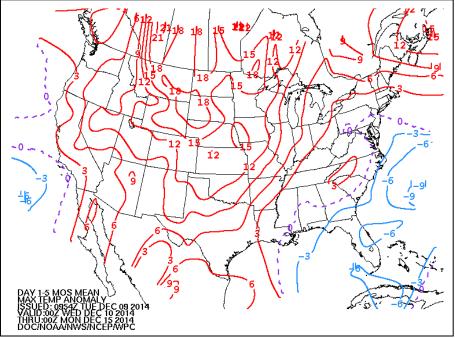


Figure 12: Mean 5-Day Maximum Temperature Anomaly (MOS)

# 16.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

These products are not updated or amended. Corrections are issued as necessary.

# 17 Ultraviolet Index (UVI) Forecast (product category UVICAC)

## 17.1 Mission Connection

The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) issues a UV Index (UVI) Forecast for 58 U.S. cities daily. CPC generates the UVI Forecast to help people understand the effects on their skin of their exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation. This product is used by the media and supports public weather programs.

## 17.2 Issuance Guidelines

## 17.2.1 Creation Software

CPC uses National Centers AWIPS (N-AWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 17.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

## 17.2.3 Issuance Time

The UVI product is issued daily at approximately 1800 UTC.

#### 17.2.4 Valid Time

The product is valid for solar noon (approximately 12 noon local standard time or 1PM local daylight time), Day 2.

#### **17.2.5 Product Expiration Time**

Product expires after valid time.

#### **17.3** Technical Description

The UVI product should follow the format and content described below.

#### 17.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

#### 17.3.2 MND Header

The UVI MND header is NOAA/EPA ULTRAVIOLET INDEX /UVI/ FORECAST.

#### 17.3.3 Content

Both the text-based and web-based products specify the forecast UVI for solar noon, Day 2.

#### 17.3.4 Format

NOAA/EPA ULTRAVIOLET INDEX /UVI/ FORECAST NWS CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 533 PM SUN MAR 29 2020

VALID MAR 30 2020 AT SOLAR NOON /APPROXIMATELY NOON LOCAL STANDARD TIME OR 100 PM LOCAL DAYLIGHT TIME/

THE UV INDEX IS CATEGORIZED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AS FOLLOWS:

UVI		EXPOSURE	LEVEL
0 1 2		LOW	
345		MODERA	ATE
67		HIGH	
8 9 10		VERY I	HIGH
11 AND	GREATER	EXTREI	ME

FOR HEALTH RELATED ISSUES GO TO WWW.EPA.GOV/SUNSAFETY FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UV INDEX.... GO TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE UV INDEX WEB PAGE: WWW.CPC.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PRODUCTS/STRATOSPHERE/UV INDEX

CITY	STATE	UVI	CITY	STATE	UVI
ALBUQUERQUE	NM	6	LITTLE ROCK	AR	6
ANCHORAGE	AK	2	LOS ANGELES	CA	7
ATLANTIC CITY	NJ	4	LOUISVILLE	ΚY	6
ATLANTA	GA	7	MEMPHIS	TN	6
BALTIMORE	MD	3	MIAMI	FL	11
BILLINGS	MT	5	MILWAUKEE	ΠM	4
BISMARCK	ND	4	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	4
BOISE	ID	2	MOBILE	AL	9

BOSTON	MA	1	NEW ORLEANS	LA	9
BUFFALO	NY	1	NEW YORK	NY	4
BURLINGTON	VT	2	NORFOLK	VA	6
CHARLESTON	WV	5	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	3
CHARLESTON	SC	7	OMAHA	NE	5
CHEYENNE	WY	5	PHILADELPHIA	PA	4
CHICAGO	IL	3	PHOENIX	AZ	8
CLEVELAND	OH	2	PITTSBURGH	PA	1
CONCORD	NH	1	PORTLAND	ME	1
DALLAS	TX	3	PORTLAND	OR	2
DENVER	CO	5	PROVIDENCE	RI	2
DES MOINES	IA	5	RALEIGH	NC	6
DETROIT	MI	2	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	5
DOVER	DE	4	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	6
HARTFORD	СТ	2	SAN JUAN	PU	12
HONOLULU	ΗI	10	SEATTLE	WA	3
HOUSTON	TX	6	SIOUX FALLS	SD	5
INDIANAPOLIS	IN	4	ST. LOUIS	MO	6
JACKSON	MS	7	TAMPA	FL	10
JACKSONVILLE	FL	7	WASHINGTON	DC	3
LAS VEGAS	NV	6	WICHITA	KS	6

CPC also generates a graphical product depicting the same information and posts it on the Web. See Figure 13.

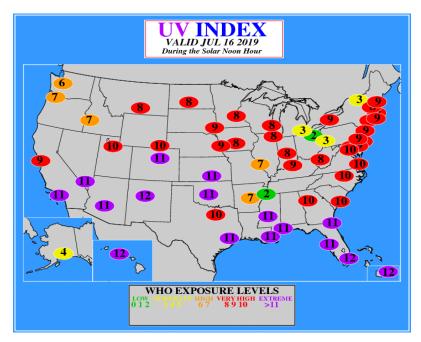


Figure 13: Ultraviolet Index Map

#### 17.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

No updates or amendments are issued for this product. CPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

# 18 Selected Cities Forecast (product categories SCS [01-04])

## **18.1** Mission Connection

The NWS Telecommunications Operations Center (TOC) began issuing the Selected Cities Forecast (SCS) in January 2009. The SCS provides the observed maximum and minimum temperatures, observed precipitation, and forecast weather and temperatures for selected cities in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This product is heavily used by the print media and supports the public weather program.

# 18.2 Issuance Guidelines

# 18.2.1 Creation Software

TOC uses National Centers AWIPS (N-AWIPS) software to generate these products.

# 18.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

# 18.2.3 Issuance Time

0100 and 1300 UTC.

# 18.2.4 Valid Time

1200 UTC Day 1 to 1200 UTC Day 2.

# 18.2.5 Product Expiration Time

Product expires with the next issuance.

# **18.3** Technical Description

The Selected Cities Forecast should follow the format and content described in this section.

# 18.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

# 18.3.2 MND Header

The SCS header is SELECTED CITIES WEATHER SUMMARY AND FORECASTS.

# 18.3.3 Content

This is a tabular text product consisting of the previous day's maximum and minimum temperatures and observed liquid precipitation, along with forecast weather and temperatures for the next two days for selected cities in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The abbreviated forecasts are derived from the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) grids issued by NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) and Weather Service Offices (WSOs). The last part (SCS04, FPUS20 KWBN) has a final section that gives the highest and lowest temperatures observed in the CONUS (also see section 19). If a city is missing, it is noted as "MISG" in the weather category and "MM/MM" for the maximum and minimum temperature.

#### 18.3.4 Format

Example...Morning Issuance:

FPUS20 KWBN 041250 SCS01 SELECTED CITIES WEATHER SUMMARY AND FORECASTS...PART 1 OF 4 NWS/NDFD TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATIONS CENTER SILVER SPRING MD 850 AM EDT FRI JUN 04 2010

TEMPERATURES INDICATE DAYTIME HIGH...NIGHTTIME LOW B INDICATES TEMPERATURES BELOW ZERO PRECIPITATION FOR 24 HOURS ENDING AT 8 AM EDT

			FORECAS	Т	FORECA	ST
	THU	.JUN 03	FRI	JUN 04	SAT	.JUN 05
CITY	HI/LO	PCPN	WEA	HI/LO	WEA	HI/LO
ABILENE TX	89 68	3	SUNNY	96/70	SUNNY	100/76
AKRON CANTON	78 61	L .14	TSTRMS	82/66	TSTRMS	80/64
ALBANY NY	80 61	L .08	PTCLDY	82/65	TSTRMS	82/59
ALBUQUERQUE	91 58	3	SUNNY	95/64	SUNNY	99/67
ALLENTOWN	85 63	3 .01	PTCLDY	88/68	MOCLDY	86/66
AMARILLO	86 64	1	SUNNY	95/64	SUNNY	99/66

#### Key to Weather Terminology

PTCLDY = Partly Cloudy	RNSNOW = Rain and Snow
MOCLDY = Mostly Cloudy	BLZZRD = Blizzard
VRYHOT = Very Hot	BLGSNO = Blowing Snow
VRYCLD = Very Cold	TSTRMS = Thunderstorms
SNOSHW = Snow Showers	SHWRS = Rain Showers
DRZL = Drizzle	FZRAIN = Freezing Rain
FLRRYS = Snow Flurries	FZDRZL = Freezing Drizzle

# Cities Used in Selected Cities Products: Cities for SCS01

ABILENE TX	BATON ROUGE LA	CHARLESTON SC
AKRON/CANTON OH	BILLINGS MT	CHARLESTON WV
ALBANY NY	BIRMINGHAM AL	CHARLOTTE NC
ALBUQUERQUE NM	BISMARCK ND	CHATTANOOGA TN
ALLENTOWN PA	BOISE ID	CHEYENNE WY
AMARILLO TX	BOSTON MA	CHICAGO IL
ANCHORAGE AK	BRIDGEPORT CT	CINCINNATI OH
ASHEVILLE NC	BROWNSVILLE TX	CLEVELAND OH
ATLANTA GA	BUFFALO NY	COLORADO SPGS CO
ATLANTIC CITY NJ	BURLINGTON VT	COLUMBIA SC
AUSTIN TX	CARIBOU ME	COLUMBUS GA
BALTIMORE MD	CASPER WY	COLUMBUS OH

#### Cities for SCS02

#### Cities for SCS03

MONTGOMERY AL

#### Cities for SCS04

SALEM ORSIOUX CITY IATULSA OKSALT LAKE CITY UTSIOUX FALLS SDTUPELO MSSAN ANGELO TXSOUTH BEND INWACO TXSAN ANTONIO TXSPOKANE WAWASHINGTON DCSAN DIEGO CASPRINGFIELD ILW PALM BEACH FLSAN FRANCISCO CASPRINGFIELD MOWICHITA KSSAN JOSE CASYRACUSE NYWICHITA FALLS TXSAN JUAN PRTALLAHASSEE FLWILKES BARRE PASANTA FE NMTAMPA FLWILMINGTON DEST STE MARIE MITOLEDO OHYAKIMA WASAVANNAH GATOPEKA KSYOUNGSTOWN OHSEATTLE WATUCSON AZYUMA AZ SHREVEPORT LA

CONCORD NHFARGO NDHONOLULU HICORPUS CHRISTI TXFLAGSTAFF AZHOUSTON INTCNTL ARPT TXDALLAS FT WORTH TXFLINT MIHUNTSVILLE ALDAYTON OHFORT SMITH AKINDIANAPOLIS INDAYTONA BEACH FLFORT WAYNE INJACKSON MSDENVER COFRESNO CAJACKSONVILLE FLDES MOINES IAGOODLAND KSJUNEAU AKDETROIT MIGRAND JUNCTION COKANSAS CITY MODULUTH MNGRAND RAPIDS MIKEY WEST FLEL PASO TXGREEN BAY WILAKE CHARLES LAERIE PAGREENSBORO NCLANSING MIEUGENE ORHARRISBURG PALAS VEGAS NVEVANSVILLE INHARTFORD CT SPGFLD MALEXINGTON KY

LINCOLN ILNASHVILLE TNPOCATELLO IDLITTLE ROCK ARNEW ORLEANS LAPORTLAND MELOS ANGELES CANEW YORK CITY NYPORTLAND ORLOUISVILLE KYNEWARK NJPROVIDENCE RILUBBOCK TXNORFOLK VAPUEBLO COMACON GANORTH PLATTE NERALEIGH DURHAM NCMADISON WIOKLAHOMA CITY OKRAPID CITY SDMEDFORD OROMAHA NERENO NVMEMPHIS TNORLANDO FLRICHMOND VAMIAMI BEACH FLPADUCAH KYROANOKE VAMILWAUKEE WIPEORIA ILROCKFORD ILMISSOULA MTPHILADELPHIA PASACRAMENTO CAMPLS ST PAUL MNPHOENIX AZST LOUIS MOMOBILE ALPITTSBURGH PAST. PETERSBURG FLMONTGOMERY ALST THOMAS VI ST THOMAS VI

#### 18.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

These products are not updated or amended. The TOC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

# **19** National High and Low Temperature for the Contiguous United States (product category SCS04)

#### **19.1** Mission Connection

WPC issues the High and Low Temperature product to provide locations of the warmest and coldest temperatures, via reliable weather observation networks and NWS vetted reports, across the Contiguous United States (CONUS) over the most recent 24 hour period. This guidance is utilized by NWS WFOs and the general meteorological community such as the private sector and the media, as well as the aviation community.

#### **19.2** Issuance Guidelines

#### **19.2.1** Creation Software

WPC uses National Centers AWIPS (N-AWIPS) software to generate these products.

#### 19.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

#### **19.2.3 Issuance and Valid Times**

Refer to Table 11.

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WPC National High and Low Temperature Product Schedule						
Issuance Time	Valid Time	Product Description				
0050 UTC	0000 UTC	Reports the new (since local midnight) high temperature extreme and confirms the existing low temperature extreme.				
0650 UTC	0600 UTC	Updates the (through local midnight) high temperature extreme and confirms yesterday's low temperature extreme.				
1250 UTC	1200 UTC	Reports the new (since local midnight) low temperature extreme and confirms yesterday's high temperature extreme.				
1850 UTC	1800 UTC	Updates the (since local midnight) low temperature extreme, and confirms yesterday's high temperature extreme.				

#### Table 11: National High and Low Temperature Product Schedule

#### **19.2.4 Product Expiration Time**

Product expires with the next issuance.

#### **19.3** Technical Description

The National High and Low Temperature product should follow the format and content described in this section.

#### 19.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

## 19.3.2 MND Header

Not applicable.

#### 19.3.3 Content

These are text bulletins that list the extreme maximum and extreme minimum temperatures reported at observation sites across the CONUS, generally over the past 24 hours. If more than one station is tied for an extreme value, all of those stations will be listed. The national high and low are appended on the end of the Selected Cities Forecast product (SCS04; section 18), but are also available at the following web link:

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/discussions/hpcdiscussions.php?disc=nathilo.

#### 19.3.4 Format

For the web display of the National High and Low Temperature, the product will follow the format indicated below, with "tt" indicating the reported temperature.

National High and Low Temperature (for the contiguous United States) NWS Weather Prediction Center, College Park MD Issued Time am/pm EDT Day, Month dd, yyyy High Temperature for Day, Month dd, yyyy (as received by hh am/pm EDT Month dd) tt at City, ST (list of cities will continue for tied stations) Low Temperature for Day, Month dd, yyyy (as received by hh am/pm EDT Month dd) tt at City, ST (list of cities will continue for tied stations)

#### 19.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

This product is not routinely updated or amended. WPC will correct for format and grammatical errors as required.

## 20 Canadian Urban Forecasts (product category CSCNMC)

#### 20.1 Mission Connection

The product is generated by the Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC), and disseminated internationally to U.S. public interests.

#### 20.2 Issuance Guidelines

#### **20.2.1** Creation Software

The NWS Telecommunications Gateway receives this product and re-transmits it to domestic

users.

#### 20.2.2 Issuance Criteria

This is a routine, schedule-driven product.

#### 20.2.3 Issuance Time

This product is issued daily at approximately 0730 UTC and 1930 UTC.

#### 20.2.4 Valid Time

Through Day 2.

#### 20.2.5 Product Expiration Time

Product expires with the next issuance.

#### 20.3 Technical Description

The product follows the format and content described in this section.

#### 20.3.1 MND Broadcast Line

Not applicable.

#### 20.3.2 MND Header

The MND header for this product is CANADIAN URBAN FORECASTS.

#### 20.3.3 Content

This product contains tabular arrays of short forecasts and predicted high and low temperatures (in degrees Celsius) for numerous Canadian cities.

#### 20.3.4 Format

#### Example:

CANADIAN URBAN	FORECASTS			
TEMPERATURE IN	DEGREES CELSIUS			
CITY	FORECAST		FORECAST	
	FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
	WEA	HI	WEA	LO/HI
IQALUIT	WINDY	M0 6	INCRG CLOUDINESS	M12/00
YELLOWKNIFE	MAINLY SUNNY	8	VARIABLE CLOUD	M02/8
WHITEHORSE	MAINLY CLOUDY	8	PARTLY CLOUDY	M03/7

#### Cities for CSCNMC

OTTAWA ONT	THUNDER BAY ON
QUEBEC QUE	TORONTO ON
REGINA SK	VANCOUVER BC
SAINT JOHN NB	VICTORIA BC
SASKATOON SK	WINDSOR ON
	QUEBEC QUE REGINA SK SAINT JOHN NB

IQALUIT NU	ST JOHNS NFLD	WINNIPEG MB
KAMLOOPS BC	SUDBURY ON	WHITEHORSE YT
MONTREAL QUE	SYDNEY NS	YELLOWKNIFE NT

# 20.4 Updates, Amendments, and Corrections

Not applicable.

#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **Text Product Examples**

#### 1 Introduction

This appendix provides users with examples of text versions of national public weather products.

#### 2 Short Range Forecast Discussion

Short Range Forecast Discussion NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD 226 AM EDT Thu Jul 09 2020

Valid 12Z Thu Jul 09 2020 - 12Z Sat Jul 11 2020

...Severe thunderstorms and flash flooding possible for the central U.S. today...

... More hot temperatures for the Great Lakes as well as West Texas...

...Low pressure along the North Carolina coast continues to be monitored by the National Hurricane Center for tropical/subtropical development...

A potent frontal system will move through the Corn Belt today into a warm and juicy air mass. This will support the persistence and development of showers and thunderstorms, some of which may be severe and could produce local flash flooding and ponding on roadways. Temperatures into the upper 80s to mid 90s may approach record highs. The system will move into the central Great Lakes and Midwest on Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms and a bit cooler temperatures.

Across the South, a lingering frontal boundary will provide the focus for scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from eastern Texas to the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Along the North Carolina coast, an area of low pressure will lift slowly northeastward and could possibly transition into a subtropical or tropical system. The National Hurricane Center continues to monitor this area but expected impacts, regardless of classification, will be moderate to locally heavy rainfall near and north of its track, gusty winds, and rough surf along the coast. Abundant cloudiness and increasing northeast winds will keep temperatures in the low to mid 80s.

Over the Pacific Northwest, temperatures will trend a bit milder today and then Friday, but remain cooler than normal. Hot temperatures over western Texas and eastern New Mexico may approach records for at least the new two days (and likely beyond). The Desert Southwest will be hotter still, with afternoon temperatures soaring into the 110s each afternoon, with lower 120s likely at Death Valley by Friday into the weekend.

#### Fracasso

Graphics available at www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/basicwx/basicwx ndfd.php

#### 3 <u>Extended Forecast Discussion</u>

Extended Forecast Discussion NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD 213 PM EDT Mon Jul 06 2020

Valid 12Z Thu Jul 09 2020 - 12Z Mon Jul 13 2020

... Guidance/Predictability Assessment...

Smaller scale differences remain with respect to an Eastern Seaboard coastal low currently being monitored by NHC. The O6z GFS was noticeably faster/more progressive with the low, but the latest 12z run this morning looked better. WPC favors a blend of the ECMWF with the CMC which are closer and more within the spread of the ensembles. The UKMET also lies within the spread, though is stronger (likely owing to a more offshore track) and while it is not out of realm of possibilities, opted to lean closer to continuity and not include in today's blend. Elsewhere across the nation, there is above average consensus on reinforced troughing across the Eastern U.S. late in the period along with troughing moving into the Western U.S.. The blend for today from WPC leaned heavily on the ECMWF days 3-5, with smaller contributions from the 00z CMC and ensemble means. For 6-7, leaned more on the ensemble means to mitigate the less predictable detail differences at the longer range time scale. This maintains very good continuity with the previous WPC forecast.

...Weather Pattern/Hazard Highlights...

Upper trough energies will periodically work inland over an unsettled Northwestern U.S. and western Canada. A steady stream of ejecting impulses then progress downstream over southern Canada and the U.S. northern tier. This will force moderating fronts over the broad region and spawn some strong to severe thunderstorms. Convective rainfall potential may focus from the Northern Plains southeastward across the Midwest. Triple digits maximum temperatures (approaching/exceeding some heat records) are likely from the Desert Southwest/southern Great Basin to the south-central Plains, with heat indices making it feel closer to 115 in some places. Hot and humid weather also stretches into the Midwest and Eastern states as well. A heavy rain/weather threat is also expected to lift from the Southeast to coastal Mid-Atlantic and New England contingent on upper support/coastal low development. The best consensus at this time keeps the heaviest rainfall offshore, but this could shift closer to the coast dependent on surface low track/possible tropical development.

#### Santorelli/Schichtel

Additional 3-7 Day Hazards information can be found on the WPC medium range hazards chart at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php

WPC medium range 500mb heights, surface systems, weather grids, quantitative precipitation, winter weather outlook probabilities

and heat indices are at:

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/5dayfcst500\_wbg.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/5dayfcst\_wbg\_conus.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/5km\_grids/5km\_gridsbody.html https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/day4-7.shtml https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/pwpf\_d47/pwpf\_medr.php?day=4 https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heat index.shtml

#### 4 Extended Forecast Discussion with Hazards Headlines Appended

Extended Forecast Discussion NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD 414 PM EDT Mon Jul 06 2020

Valid 12Z Thu Jul 09 2020 - 12Z Mon Jul 13 2020

... Guidance/Predictability Assessment...

Smaller scale differences remain with respect to an Eastern Seaboard coastal low currently being monitored by NHC. The O6z GFS was noticeably faster/more progressive with the low, but the latest 12z run this morning looked better. WPC favors a blend of the ECMWF with the CMC which are closer and more within the spread of the ensembles. The UKMET also lies within the spread, though is stronger (likely owing to a more offshore track) and while it is not out of realm of possibilities, opted to lean closer to continuity and not include in todays blend. Elsewhere across the nation, there is above average consensus on reinforced troughing across the Eastern U.S. late in the period along with troughing moving into the Western U.S.. The blend for today from WPC leaned heavily on the ECMWF days 3-5, with smaller contributions from the 00z CMC and ensemble means. For 6-7, leaned more on the ensemble means to mitigate the less predictable detail differences at the longer range time scale. This maintains very good continuity with the previous WPC forecast.

...Weather Pattern/Hazard Highlights...

Upper trough energies will periodically work inland over an unsettled Northwestern U.S. and western Canada. A steady stream of ejecting impulses then progress downstream over southern Canada and the U.S. northern tier. This will force moderating fronts over the broad region and spawn some strong to severe thunderstorms. Convective rainfall potential may focus from the Northern Plains southeastward across the Midwest. Triple digits maximum temperatures (approaching/exceeding some heat records) are likely from the Desert Southwest/southern Great Basin to the south-central Plains, with heat indices making it feel closer to 115 in some places. Hot and humid weather also stretches into the Midwest and Eastern states as well. A heavy rain/weather threat is also expected to lift from the Southeast to coastal Mid-Atlantic and New England contingent on upper support/coastal low development. The best consensus at this time keeps the heaviest rainfall offshore, but this could shift closer to the coast dependent on surface low track/possible tropical development.

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Hazards:
Heavy rain possible from eastern Kansas to western Missouri, as well as near the North Carolina coast, Thu-Fri, Jul 9-Jul 10.
Flooding possible across portions of the northern Plains.
Flooding occurring or imminent over portions of central North Dakota.
Excessive heat across portions of the southern Plains to the lower Mississippi Valley, Fri-Sun, Jul 10-Jul 12.
Much above normal temperatures across portions of the southern High Plains, Sat-Mon, Jul 11-Jul 13.
Much above normal temperatures across portions of northern New England and into the Great Lakes, Thu-Fri, Jul 9-Jul 10.

Additional 3-7 Day Hazards information can be found on the WPC medium range hazards chart at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php

WPC medium range 500mb heights, surface systems, weather grids, quantitative precipitation, winter weather outlook probabilities and heat indices are at:

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/5dayfcst500\_wbg.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/medr/5dayfcst\_wbg\_conus.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/5km\_grids/5km\_gridsbody.html https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/day4-7.shtml https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/wwd/pwpf\_d47/pwpf\_medr.php?day=4 https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heat index.shtml

#### 5 Alaska Extended Forecast Discussion

Alaska Extended Forecast Discussion NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD 602 PM EDT Fri Jul 03 2020

Valid 12Z Tue Jul 07 2020 - 12Z Sat Jul 11 2020

... Overview and Guidance/Predictability Assessment...

Upper troughing initially over northeastern Russia and northwestern Canada Tuesday will focus toward western/southwestern Alaska by the end of next week. A system in the Gulf Tuesday will move southeastward toward the southern Panhandle and Haida Gwaii as a northern stream front pushes out of Southcentral. The 12Z GFS/ECMWF paired fairly well with their ensemble means (with partial support from the UKMET/Canadian) such that a blended solution served well through the period. Ensembles have wavered a bit on system timing especially out of the central North Pacific, but a blended solution should minimize further refinements. Increased ensemble weighting was used to balance the uncertainty by later next week, which should carry a system through the Gulf again toward the southern Panhandle and Hadai Gwaii. ...Weather/Hazard Highlights...

Increased troughing will promote cooler than average temperatures over most of the state next week, perhaps by 10-15 degrees in some spots. Extreme northwestern coastal areas may see near to above average temperatures with an offshore/downsloping flow off the Brooks Range. Showers will be favored over the Alaska Range amid daytime heating and cooling mid-level temperatures. Light showers are possible over the western Aleutians midweek as a dying warm front approaches from the south and a cold front approaches from the north. Showers may be enhanced over Southcentral later in the week as the upper trough from the northwest sinks toward the region. Rainfall is not expected to be heavy over a widespread area.

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Additional 3-7 Day Hazard information can be found on the WPC medium range hazards chart at: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/threats/threats.php

Hazards: No significant hazards are expected over Alaska during this forecast period.

WPC medium range Alaskan products including 500mb, surface fronts/pressures progs and sensible weather grids can also be found at:

https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/ak\_5dayfcst500\_wbg.gif https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/akmedr.shtml https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/alaska/ak 5km gridsbody.html

#### 6 Hawaii Discussion

Hawaii Extended Forecast Discussion NWS Weather Prediction Center College Park MD 344 AM EDT Mon Jun 29 2020

Valid 00Z Tue Jun 30 2020 - 00Z Tue Jul 07 2020

Trades of varying strength will continue through the period, supporting primary focus for showers over windward/mountain locations. However some localized sea breeze influence will be possible especially when trades are on the lighter side. Most rainfall during the period should be fairly light. There has been a signal for an area of higher precipitable water values to pass through the area within the Friday-Sunday period but latest guidance has diverged on this.

Expect trades to strengthen Tuesday-Wednesday after the departure of a surface trough/upper weakness, and then return to somewhat lighter speeds Thursday-Friday. During this cycle of trades an upper ridge will build in from the east/northeast and then reach just west/north of the main islands by around the end of the week. Trades should gradually strengthen once again during the weekend and early next week as eastern Pacific high pressure expands. Most guidance keeps the area under a modest weakness aloft Saturday-Monday. As for the area of moisture that has been forecast to cross the state around Friday-Sunday, the OOZ ECMWF and to some degree the 12Z ECMWF mean maintain reasonable continuity but the GFS and GEFS mean have trended noticeably drier than yesterday. An intermediate solution appears best considering established continuity and the 12Z ECMWF mean recommending somewhat less moisture than the new ECMWF run.

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#### 7 Preliminary Caribbean Discussion

TROPICAL DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 820 AM EDT THU JUL 09 2020

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE USVI FROM JUL 09/12 UTC: ANOTHER MOSTLY FAIR WEATHER DAY IS EXPECTED TODAY AS A DRY AND DUSTY SAHARAN AIR LAYER LINGERS OVER THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN. THIS...HOWEVER...CHANGES ON FRIDAY AS A RETROGRESSING TUTT INDUCES A LOW-MID LEVEL PERTURBATION AS IT ENTERS THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN. UNDER INFLUENCE OF THIS PERTURBATION...THE PWAT CONTENT BRIEFLY INCREASES TO AROUND 1.5 INCHES EARLY ON FRIDAY MORNING...LEADING TO A ROUND OF MOSTLY LIGHT CONVECTION AS IT STREAMS ACROSS THE VIRGIN ISLES-EASTERN PUERTO RICO. THROUGH MID AFTERNOON ACTIVITY WILL GRADUALLY EBB FROM THE EAST...WITH FOCUS OF THE AFTERNOON CONVECTION SHIFTING TO NORTHWEST PUERTO RICO...WITH MOST ACTIVE EXPECTED BETWEEN BARCELONETA AND AGUADILLA TO THE NORTHWEST WHERE IT IS TO LIKELY RESULT IN LOCALLY MODERATE RAINFALL AMOUNTS.

THIS SETS THE STAGE FOR THE GRADUAL EROSION OF THE TRADE WINDS INVERSION DURING THE WEEKEND...WITH VIGOROUS TROPICAL WAVE ENTERING THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE GLOBAL MODELS THEN SHOW THIS PERTURBATION STREAMING ACROSS THE FORECAST AREA DURING THE MORNING HOURS ON SUNDAY. ALTHOUGH THE MODELS GENERALLY AGREE ON THE TIMING OF THIS WAVE...THEY DIVERGE ON ITS IMPACT OVER THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN ISLANDS. THE GFS AND ECMWF IN PARTICULAR...BOTH SHOW PWAT CONTENT SURGING TO AROUND TWO INCHES AS THE WAVES MAKES LANDFALL OVER THE VIRGIN ISLES-EASTERN PUERTO RICO. THE EUROPEAN MODEL THEN SHOWS ITS MOISTURE QUICKLY EBBING DURING THE DAY ON SUNDAY...WHILE THE GFS PREFERS A HIGHER MOISTURE CONTENT THROUGH THE DAY INTO THE EVENING HOURS. BUT AS THE MJO TRANSITIONS TO ITS CONVERGENT PHASE EARLY NEXT WEEK...THE GFS MIGHT BE TOO BULLISH WITH THE MOISTURE CONTENT. THUS A BLEND OF THESE MODELS MIGHT OFFER THE BETTER SOLUTION...WITH TRAILING MOISTURE LASTING THROUGH MIDDAY THEN RAPIDLY EBBING DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS. OVER THE VIRGIN ISLES-EASTERN PUERTO RICO/SAN JUAN METRO THE MOST ACTIVE IS EXPECTED BETWEEN 06-15 UTC ON SUNDAY...WITH SECONDARY CONVECTION EXPECTED OVER NORTHWEST PUERTO RICO IN THE AFTERNOON. UNCERTAINTY...HOWEVER...REMAINS HIGH AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FORECAST IS LOW DURING THE MEDIUM RANGE PERIOD.

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#### 8 **Basin-Wide Caribbean Discussion**

TROPICAL DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 153 PM EDT THU JUL 09 2020

TROPICAL DISCUSSION FROM JULY 09/16 UTC: AT 15 UTC...TROPICAL STORM CRISTINA CENTERED AT 17.4N 110.2W. MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE WAS 995 HPA AND MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS 55KT WITH GUSTS TO 65KT. CRISTINA WAS MOVING TO THE WEST-NORTHWEST OR 300 DEGREES AT 11KT.

IN MEXICO...A DRYING TREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE CYCLE. CONVECTION WILL BE PRIMARILY ENHANCED ALONG THE SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL AND IN SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY...STIMULATED BY TWO TROPICAL WAVES DURING THE WEEKEND. IN THE UPPER LEVELS...A TUTT IS RETROGRESSING FROM THE WESTERN GULF ON WEDNESDAY TO CENTER SOUTHWEST OF THE BAJA CALIFORNIA PENINSULA BY SATURDAY. THIS WILL GIVE IN TO A RIDGE...FORECAST TO CENTER OVER NORTHERN VERACRUZ BY SATURDAY EVENING. VENTILATION WILL BE THE MOST FAVORABLE IN THE SOUTHERN PERIPHERY OF THE RIDGE...TO SUSTAIN MODERATE AMOUNTS IN OAXACA/GULF OF TEHUANTEPEC REGION IN INTERACTION WITH THE TROPICAL WAVES. ON THURSDAY...LARGEST AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED BETWEEN JALISCO/COLIMA AND SINALOA...WHERE DIURNAL CONVECTION WILL SUSTAIN 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM. DIURNAL CONVECTION IN CENTRAL MEXICO AND IN THE NORTHERN SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL WILL FAVOR 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM. ON THURSDAY... EXPECTING 05-10MM/DAY AND ISOLATED MAXIMA OF 15-20MM IN THE EJE VOLCANICO CENTRAL AND MOST OF THE SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL. LARGER ACCUMULATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN SOUTHEAST MEXICO...AS TWO TROPICAL WAVES ARRIVE FROM CENTRAL AMERICA. THESE WILL FAVOR 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM IN THE GULF OF TEHUANTEPEC REGION...AND 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM IN CHIAPAS AND VERACRUZ. IN THE YUCATAN PENINSULA EXPECTING MAXIMA OF 15M. ON SATURDAY...LARGEST AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED IN WESTERN CHIAPAS/OAXACA WHERE EXPECTING 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM. HOWEVER...ISOLATED LARGER ACCUMULATIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN COASTAL LOCATIONS. IN SOUTHWEST MEXICO/EJE VOLCANICO CENTRAL AND IN THE SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL OF SONORA AND NORTHERN SINALOA EXPECTING ISOLATED ACCUMULATIONS OF 05-10MM/DAY WITH MAXIMA OF 15-25MM.

IN THE CARIBBEAN...A DRYING TREND CONTINUES UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DRY AIR MASS ARRIVING FROM THE ATLANTIC AND AN ACCELERATION OF THE TRADES. INITIALLY...A TROPICAL WAVE WILL SUSTAIN SCATTERED CONVECTION IN THE NORTHWEST CARIBBEAN TO FAVOR 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM IN CUBA ON THURSDAY...05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15MM IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS...AND 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-35MM IN THE SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS/TURKS AND CAICOS. BUT ACCUMULATIONS WILL DECREASE IN AREAS TO THE EAST OF CENTRAL CUBA ON FRIDAY. FRIDAY CONVECTION WILL PEAK IN WESTERN CUBA AND THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS...WHERE A MOIST PLUME WILL INTERACT WITH VENTILATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PERIPHERY OF AN UPPER RIDGE. THIS WILL FAVOR 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-35MM. LATE ON FRIDAY...A TROPICAL WAVE ENTERS THE WINDWARD ISLANDS TO FAVOR 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO...BUT VERY LIGHT ACCUMULATIONS IN AREAS TO THE NORTH. HOWEVER...A MORE ROBUST TROPICAL WAVE ENTERS THE ARC OF THE LESSER ANTILLES DURING THE DAY ON SATURDAY...TO SUSTAIN 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-30MM IN AREAS TO THE SOUTH OF GUADELOUPE AND IN EASTERN PUERTO RICO/VIRGIN ISLANDS. IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS EXPECTING MAXIMA OF 15-20MM/DAY.

CONVECTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA WILL BE LARGELY MODULATED BY TROPICAL WAVES. DAY-TO-DAY VARIABILITY WILL BE PARTICULARLY ENHANCED IN NORTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA...AS A DRY AIR MASS TRAILS BEHIND THE TROPICAL WAVES CROSSING THE REGION ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. IN SOUTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA...CONVECTION WILL BE MORE ACTIVE THROUGH THE CYCLE AND PRODUCE LARGER ACCUMULATIONS...AS THE PANAMANIAN LOW PATTERN AND THE ITCZ WILL REMAIN QUITE ACTIVE IN INTERACTION WITH A TROPOSPHERIC KELVIN WAVE PROPAGATING ACROSS THE REGION. ON THURSDAY...LARGEST AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED FROM WESTERN PANAMA INTO CENTRAL NICARAGUA AND EASTERN HONDURAS...WHERE TROPICAL WAVE CONVECTION WILL FAVOR 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM. TO THE NORTHWEST ACROSS HONDURAS...EL SALVADOR AND SOUTHERN GUATEMALA EXPECTING 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM. ON FRIDAY...LARGEST AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED FROM NORTHWEST COLOMBIA INTO WESTERN COSTA RICA...WHERE SCATTERED CONVECTION WILL SUSTAIN 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM. TROPICAL WAVE CONVECTION FROM CENTRAL HONDURAS WEST INTO CHIAPAS WILL SUSTAIN 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM...WHILE IN THE YUCATAN PENINSULA EXPECTING MAXIMA OF 15MM. ON SATURDAY...AN ACTIVE PANAMANIAN LOW LATTERN WILL FACOR 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM IN COSTA RICA/WESTERN PANAMA AND IN NORTHWEST COLOMBIA...WHILE IN EASTERN PANAMA EXPECTIN MAXIMA OF 20-40MM. A DRY AIR MASS WILL LIMIT ACCUMULATIONS TO MAXIMA OF 15MM IN NORTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA.

IN NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA...TROPICAL WAVES AND THE NET WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MODULATONG CONVECTION. MOST ACTIVE CONVECTION IS EXPECTED IN CENTRAL VENEZUELA AND NORTH-CENTRAL COLOMBIA ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NET...TROPICAL WAVES...AND ENHANCEMENT BY A TUTT EXTENDING ACROSS THE CENTRAL CARIBBEAN. SEE THE TROPICAL WAVE SECTION FOR ASSOCIATED ACCUMULATIONS.

TROPICAL/EASTERLY WAVES INITIALIZED ON JULY 09 AT 12 UTC: TYPE - 09/12 10/00 10/12 11/00 11/12 12/00 12/12 13/00 SOF - 42W 45W 49W 53W 57W 62W 67W 71W 15N TW TW - 47W 51W 55W 61W 65W 69W 73W 77W 10N ΤI - 56W 60W 64W 69W 73W 76W 79W 82W 23N - 77W 81W 85W 88W 91W 94W 97W 100W 21N ΨW - 82W 86W 90W 93W 96W 99W 102W 105W 22N ΨW ͲΤ - 94W DISS ---\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ --- 20N

A TROPICAL WAVE IS INITIALIZED AT 42W AND TO THE SOUTH F 15W. THIS WAVE IS FORECAST TO AMPLIFY AS IT ENTERS TE CARIBBEAN BASIN...TO ENTER THE ARC OF THE LESSER ANTILLES DURING THE DAY ON SATURDAY. THE MOIST PLUME ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WAVE WILL SUSTAIN A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN CONVECTION AS ENTERS THE LESSER ANTILLES ON SATURDAY...WHERE IT WILL SUSTAIN 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-30MM. IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS THE WAVE WILL SUSTAIN 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-20MM...WHILE IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND EASTERN PUERTO RICO EXPECTING 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-30MM ON SATURDAY. A TROPICAL WAVE IS INITIALIZED AT 47W AND TO THE SOUTH OF 10N. THIS WAVE IS GENERALLY CONFINED TO THE ATLANTIC ITCZ. THE WAVE WILL ARRIVE INTO FRENCH GUIANA ON THURSDAY TO SUSTAIN MAXIMA OF 15MM. NORTH ACROSS SURINAME AND NORTHERN GUYANA EXPECTING MAXIMA OF 15-30MM IN ASSOCIATION WITH ITCZ CONVERGENCE. ON FRIDAY...THE WAVE WILL STIMULATE CONVECTION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND IN NORTHEAST VENEZUELA TO FAVOR 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM. IN GUYANA EXPECTING 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM. IN THE LESSER ANTILLES...LIMITED MOISTURE WILL FAVOR MAXIMA UNDER 10MM/DAY. ON SATURDAY...THE WAVE WILL STIMULATE CONVECTION IN CENTRAL VENEZUELA WHERE IT WILL FAVOR 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM. IN EASTERN COLOMBIA/SOUTHERN VENEZUELA EXPECTING 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-30MM.

A TUTT-INDUCED PERTURBATION IS INITIALIZED AT 56W...TO THE SOUTH OF 23N AND TO THE NORTH OF 10N. THIS PERTURBATION WILL PROPAGATE ACROSS THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN WITH LITTLE IMPACTS IN PRECIPITATION...AS A DRY AIR MASS IS IN PLACE. THE WAVE WILL ENTER THE LEEWARD ISLANDS LATE ON THURSDAY. ON FRIDAY IT WILL PROPAGATE ACROSS PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. ON SATURDAY IT WILL PROPAGATE ACROSS HAITI...JAMAICA...SOUTHEAST/CENTRAL CUBA AND THE SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS.

A ROBUST TROPICAL WAVE IS INITIALIZED AT 77W AND TO THE SOUTH OF 21N. THIS IS THE LARGEST TROPICAL WAVE IN THE REGION...AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH A SIGNIFICANT MOIST PLUME IN THE NORTHERN CARIBBEAN AND THE BAHAMAS. A DRY AIR MASS TRAILS BEHIND THE WAVE AXIS...WHICH WILL SUSTAIN A NOTICEABLE DRYING TREND AS IT CROSSES THE CARIBBEAN. ON THURSDAY...THE WAVE WILL STIMULATE CONVECTION IN COSTA RICA...EASTERN NICARAGUA AND WESTERN PANAMA...WHERE EXPECTING 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM. IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS IT WILL FAVOR MAXIMA OF 15MM...IN CUBA 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM...WHILE IN THE SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS EXPECTING 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-35MM. ON FRIDAY...THE WAVE WILL STIMULATE CONVECTION IN NORTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA TO SUSTAIN 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM FROM CENTRAL HONDURAS AND THE GULF OF FONSECA REGION WEST INTO GUATEMALA AND SOUTHERN BELIZE. IN THE UICATAN PENINSULA EXPECTING MAXIMA OF 15MM. IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN CUBA...TRAILING MOISTURE WILL SUSTAIN 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-35MM. SIMILAR ACCUMULATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHWEST BAHAMAS. ON SATURDAY...THE WAVE WILL FAVOR 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM IN OAXACA AND WESTERN CHIAPAS...ALTHOUGH ISOLATED LARGER AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED IN COASTAL LOCATIONS.

A MUCH WEAKER TROPICAL WAVE IS INITIALIZED AT 82W. ON THURSDAY...THE WAVE WILL FAVOR MAXIMA OF 30-60MM IN SOUTHWEST NICARAGUA...WHILE IN NORTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA IT FAVORS 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM. ON FRIDAY...THE WAVE WILL ENHANCE CONVECTION IN THE GULF OF TEHUANTEPEC REGION/OAXACA...WHERE IT WILL FAVOR 15-20MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 30-60MM WITH THE RISK FOR MCS FORMATION. IN VERACRUZ AND CHIAPAS EXPECTING 10-15MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 20-40MM. ON SATURDAY...THE WAVE WILL FAVOR 05-10MM/DAY AND MAXIMA OF 15-25MM IN THE SIERRA MADRE DEL SUR OF GUERRERO AND MICHOACAN...AND IN THE EJE VOLCANICO TRANSVERSAL.

A PERTURBATION ORIGINALLY INDUCED BY A TUTT IS INITIALIZED AT 94W

BUT IT IS LOSING DEFINITION AS IT PROPAGATES ACROSS THE EASTERN PACIFIC.

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#### 9 South America Forecast Discussion

SOUTH AMERICA FORECAST DISCUSSION - INTERNATIONAL DESKS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 1242 PM EDT THU JUN 04 2020

GFS DATA AT FTPPRD.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/GFS/PROD/

FORECAST DISCUSSION FROM JUNE 03/16UTC: A DEEPENING MID/UPPER LEVEL TROUGH IS TO RAPIDLY BECOME THE DOMINANT SYNOPTIC SCALE FEATURE OVER THE EASTERN PACIFIC LATER THIS EVENING...WITH AXIS TO SPAN BETWEEN 70W-106W AND TO THE SOUTH OF 25S BY DAYBREAK ON FRIDAY. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A RIDGE TO THE WEST... THE HIGHLY AMPLIFIED TROUGH IS TO PERSIST THROUGH THE WEEKEND TO EARLY NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE...THE MID LEVEL TROUGH IS TO FOCUS SHORT WAVE PERTURBATIONS AND DEEP SUBTROPICAL MOISTURE ACROSS THE SOUTHERN REGIONS OF CHILE. AT LOW LEVELS THIS WILL SUSTAIN A BROAD TROUGH THAT IS TO EXTEND BETWEEN THE BELLINGSHAUSEN-WEDDELL SEAS TO THE THE SOUTHERN CONE OF SOUTH AMERICA...FAVORING A TIGHT PRESSURE GRADIENT AND STRONG BOUNDARY LAYER WINDS ACROSS SOUTHERN CHILE AND PATAGONIA IN ARGENTINA. IN THIS AREA THE WINDS ARE FORECAST TO PEAK AT 35-50KT DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. THIS WILL ENHANCE LOW LEVEL MOISTURE TRANSPORT AND CONVERGENCE ON THE SOUTHERN REGIONS OF CHILE...WHILE ADIABATICALLY LIFTING ACROSS THE SOUTHERN ANDES. THE MOST ACTIVE CONVECTION WITH THIS FEATURE IS EXPECTED BETWEEN PUERTO MONTT AND ISLA DE CHILOE IN SOUTHERN CHILE...WITH MAXIMA OF 20-45MM/DAY EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND 20-30MM/DAY DURING THE WEEKEND TO EARLY NEXT WEEK. DUE TO STRONG TOPOGRAPHICAL FORCING AND ABOVE NORMAL MOISTURE CONTENT...LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE HIGHLY LIKELY. FURTHERMORE...THE INFLOW OF COLD AIR ALOFT WOULD LIKELY FAVOR ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS OVER SOUTHERN CHILE DURING THE DAY ON SUNDAY THROUGH MONDAY MORNING.

ALSO OVER THE EASTERN PACIFIC...A MID/UPPER LEVEL LOW ON THE NORTHERN STREAM MEANDERS OFF THE NORTH COAST OF CHILE. AS THE AFOREMENTIONED TROUGH AMPLIFIES...IT IS TO DISPLACE THE NORTHERN STREAM VORTEX EAST ACROSS THE ANDES OF CHILE TO THE NORTHWEST PROVINCES IN ARGENTINA LATER THIS EVENING/EARLY FRIDAY MORNING. UNDER FAVORABLE JET DYNAMICS...THE CLOSED LOW IS TO GRADUALLY INTENSIFY/DEEPEN AS IT THEN TRACK TO THE EAST-SOUTHEAST ACROSS NORTHERN ARGENTINA TO SOUTHERN BRASIL/URUGUAY LATER ON FRIDAY. AS A SHORT WAVE RIDGE BUILDS TO THE EAST...THE CLOSED LOW IS TO BRIEFLY STALL OVER URUGUAY/RIO GRANDE DO SUL THROUGH MIDAFTERNOON ON SUNDAY...THEN WEAKEN AS IT MEANDERS EAST INTO THE WESTERN ATLANTIC ON SUNDAY-MONDAY. AT 250 HPA...A POLAR JET MAXIMA...IN ADDITION TO FAVOR THE RAPID INTENSIFICATION OF THE MID LEVEL LOW ON FRIDAY...IT IS TO ALSO FAVOR AN UPPER DIVERGENT PATTERN ACROSS URUGUAY-CORRIENTES/MISIONES IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA TO SOUTHERN BRASIL-PARAGUAY...VENTING ORGANIZED/POTENTIALLY SEVERE CONVECTION. AT LOW LEVELS...THE MID LEVEL VORTEX WILL SUSTAIN CYCLOGENESIS ALONG A MEANDERING FRONT OVER CENTRAL SOUTH AMERICA...WITH CLOSED

LOW FORMING OVER CORRIENTES ARGENTINA/SOUTHEAST PARAGUAY EARLY IN THE CYCLE. THE FRONTAL LOW IS THEN FORECAST TO DEEPEN AS IT GRADUALLY OCCLUDES ACROSS URUGUAY TO ENTRE RIOS/CORRIENTES IN ARGENTINA. THE DEEPENING LOW WILL THEN DRIVE THE FRONT NORTH ACROSS SOUTHEASTERN BRASIL-MATO GROSSO TO CENTRAL BOLIVIA ON SATURDAY-SUNDAY. OVER PARAGUAY-MISIONES IN ARGENTINA-SOUTHERN BRASIL THIS WILL TRIGGER ORGANIZED/POTENTIALLY SEVERE CONVECTION EARLY IN THE CYCLE...WITH MAXIMA OF 40-80MM. ON FRIDAY...AS THE CONVECTION BUILDS EAST ACROSS PARANA/SANTA CATARINA IN BRASIL TO SAO PAULO-MATO GROSSO DO SUL THE MAXIMA DECREASES TO 20-40MM...WHILE OVER URUGUAY-ENTRE RIOS IN ARGENTINA IT WILL SURGE TO 30-60MM AS MOISTURE WRAPS AROUND THE OCCLUDING LOW IN SUPPORT OF AN ECHO TRAINING PATTERN. ACROSS CENTRAL BOLIVIA...AS THE FRONT SURGES ACROSS MID SECTIONS OF SOUTH AMERICA...IT WILL SUSTAIN MODERATE TO HEAVY RAINFALL AMOUNTS DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS...WITH MAXIMA OF 20-40MM/DAY.

AT 200 HPA...A CLOSED HIGH OVER NORTHEAST BRASIL ANCHORS A RIDGE OVER NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA...WITH AXIS DOMINATING THE UPPER FLOW TO THE NORTH OF 20S. CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS FORECASTS...THE HIGH IS TO MEANDER TO THE WEST-SOUTHWEST DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS...REACHING ACRE IN WESTERN BRASIL/NORTHERN BOLIVIA LATER DURING THE WEEKEND. AS THE RIDGE HOLDS TO THE NORTH...A SUBTROPICAL JET IS TO BOUND THE SOUTHERN FRINGES OF THIS RIDGE DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS...MEANWHILE FAVORING A DIVERGENT PATTERN ALOFT THAT IS TO VENT THE AFOREMENTIONED CONVECTION OVER PARAGUAY-SOUTHERN BRASIL. THE RIDGE ALOFT IS TO ALSO VENT CONVECTION ACROSS EQUATORIAL SOUTH AMERICA...WITH MOST INTENSE AS TROPICAL WAVE STREAMING TO THE NORTH INTERACT WITH THE NEAR EQUATORIAL TROUGH. ACROSS AMAZONAS IN BRASIL-SOUTHERN COLOMBIA/NORTHERN PERU-EASTERN ECUADOR THIS IS TO FAVOR SEVERAL DAYS OF SCATTERED DEEP CONVECTION WITH MAXIMA IN THIS AREA PEAKING AROUND 30-60MM EARLY IN THE CYCLE. SCATTERED CONVECTION IS TO THEN PERSIST THROUGH THE WEEKEND...WITH DAILY MAXIMA SETTLING AROUND 20-40MM/DAY. OTHER CONVECTION IS TO CLUSTER ACROSS AMAPA IN BRASIL/NORTHERN PARA TO THE SOUTHERN GUIANAS...WITH MAXIMA OF 15-30MM EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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#### 10 Coded Surface Frontal Positions (Low-Resolution)

CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 943 AM EDT THU JUL 09 2020

VALID 0709122 HIGHS 1016 2688 1009 3897 1014 38107 1017 48114 1017 4078 1013 37112 1014 63106 1026 5435 1018 7039 LOWS 1008 16121 1002 38102 1005 35115 1007 4595 1000 5298 1014 4564 1004 33106 1005 4096 1012 47119 1007 39109 1011 66108 1007 64142 1005 6693 1007 6271 996 6356 1008 3576 1000 58147 TROF 20121 16121 16121 TROF 1994 1794 TROF 2081 1882 1582 1482 1382

#### 11 Coded Surface Frontal Positions (High-Resolution)

CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 943 AM EDT THU JUL 09 2020

VALID 070912Z HIGHS 1016 2640878 1009 3820972 1014 3781067 1017 4781142 1017 3970784 1013 3671122 1014 6261060 1026 5390350 1018 7020391 LOWS 1008 1601210 1002 3751015 1005 3501146 1007 4530951 1000 5200979 1014 4490636 1004 3291060 1005 3980965 1012 4751188 1007 3951093 1011 6651076 1007 6451424 1005 6590934 1007 6160707 996 6320563 1008 3470761 1000 5781465

#### 12 Coded Surface Frontal Positions Forecast

CODED SURFACE FRONTAL POSITIONS FORECAST NWS WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER COLLEGE PARK MD 519 PM EDT THU JUL 09 2020

SURFACE PROG VALID 202007100600Z HIGHS 1016 4411101 1019 3881065 1017 2650888 1013 3501115 1016 3760829 1014 4901038 LOWS 1012 3931220 1008 4361164 1008 4461069 1012 4791185 1008 5321142 1008

STNRY 4581065 4641074 4721080 OCFNT 5371124 5201106 5011099 COLD 4391133 4251148 4141177 4101209 4051225 COLD 4041226 3911246 3571277 3461302 3411321 TROF 4391132 4161126 3911134 TROF 3231063 2961058 2681044 2411036 TROF 3681011 3750992 3780962 TROF 3671012 3531025 3381051 3251063 TROF 3421146 3171141 2861125 2501098 2201090 TROF 3431146 3651158 3881159 TROF 3961219 3741208 3481184 TROF 4781185 4561195 4361219 TROF 5371125 5591147 5851157 TROF 5641244 5351230 5051237 TROF 5460872 5350907 5310955 5301012 COLD 4170891 3950908 3840943 3931002 TROF 2630995 2360989 2120972 COLD 5011101 4771107 4641117 STNRY 4641117 4551125 4411134

## **APPENDIX B**

# **Geographical Area Designator Map**



Figure 4-11. Geographical Areas and Terrain Features.