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Subject: Operational implementation of the 7-day extension for the National Fire
Danger Rating System (NFDRS) forecast product (FWM) effective
December 31, 2020

Beginning December 31, 2020, at 0600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), NWS will be extending the forecast data string that is routinely fed into the wildland fire agencies' web-based application Weather Information Management System (WIMS). The current FWM product is expanding from a single, 24-hour forecast period to 7 days of forecast data for select NFDRS stations. A detailed description of the weather string information can be found in NWS Instruction 10-401, Fire Weather Services Product Specification, Section 6.3.4:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01004001curr.pdf>

NWS successfully tested this product extension during the spring and summer 2020 fire season. The product is used to calculate 7 days of fire danger information within WIMS. A description of the concept of expanded FWM forecast product, product examples, and requirements explanation can be found at the following link:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_Opl_7DayNFDRS_ExpandedProduct_2020.pdf

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