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Subject: Outage of Some NWS Products on SBN/NOAAPort/NWS ftp Server and
Delivered to the FAA due to Planned Maintenance: Effective October 22,
2020

On October 22, 2020, NWS/National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP Central Operations (NCO) will be performing network maintenance that will cause an outage of a select set of products for one (1) hour from 0630 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) to 0730 UTC. Some NWS products and data will be unavailable via NOAAPort/Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN) and the NWS file transfer protocol (ftp) server, and NWS will not send a sub-set of products to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) during the outage. In the event of a Critical Weather Day (CWD), this maintenance will be postponed.

During the maintenance window, the following impacts are expected:

1) The following data sets disseminated on NOAAPort/SBN/National Weather-Wire Service (NWWS) and the Global Telecommunications System (GTS) will not be available during the maintenance window. Most of this data will be queued to send once the outage is complete:

- Surface observation data from the FAA's Weather Message Switching Center Replacement (WMSCR). This includes:
 - METAR/SPECIs from FAA observing sites
 - Pilot Reports (PIREPS)
- Verification Product from the U.S. Forecast Service (USFS) for the NWS Fire Danger Index forecasts.

These products will also not be available on:

<https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov>
<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov>

and the Fire Danger Index verifications will not be posted on
weather.gov.

To the best of our ability, this list encompasses the data sets impacted but may not be fully inclusive.

2) The following data will not be sent via direct transmission channels to the FAA. Note that these products will be available on all other NWS dissemination systems:

- NWS Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts (TAFs)
- NWS upper air and Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) observations
- Data available on the GTS that NWS transmits to the FAA
- Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunications Network (AFTN)
- Operational Meteorological (OPMET) products.

For questions regarding this migration and the detailed impacts above, please contact:

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