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Subject: The Avalanche Weather Guidance Product Will Transition to
Operational Status, Effective November 9, 2022

The Avalanche Weather Guidance Product (AVG) will transition to
Operational Status, effective November 9, 2022 at 25 Weather Forecast
Offices (WFOs).

During the winter of 2021-2022, the experimental AVG product was issued
from 25 WFOs across the United States. These products provided the local
avalanche centers with forecast meteorological parameters critical to the
centers’ predictions of avalanche conditions and risk. The AVG products
were also used by state and local departments of transportation, emergency
management, search and rescue operations, commercial entities, recreation
areas, and backcountry enthusiasts to help them prepare for weather
conditions that they should expect to encounter in avalanche-prone areas.
Feedback received on this product has been positive, with comments
highlighting that the NWS Avalanche Weather Guidance is critical in
assisting avalanche specialists’ predictions for avalanche stability and
avalanche threats to life.

This season, effective November 9, 2022, the NWS is transitioning the
Avalanche Weather Guidance product into operational status. The AVG will
be available as a text-based product via NWS web pages and other NWS
dissemination systems.

The following WFOs will provide AVG products:

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*WFO Boulder issues the AVG for the entire state of Colorado.*

A Product Description Document for the AVG is provided here:


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