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Subject: Soliciting Comments until July 22, 2011, on Three Experimental
Ultraviolet Radiation Grids in the National Digital Guidance Database
(NDGD)

NWS is accepting comments until Friday, July 22, 2011, on three NDGD
experimental ultraviolet radiation grids. Please submit comments to the
following links.

For the Ultraviolet Index grid:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=uvigp>

For the Daily Maximum Ultraviolet Index grid:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=DMUVIgp>

For the Downward Short Wave Radiation Flux grid:

<http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=DSWRFgp>

Experimental Ultraviolet Index, Daily Maximum Ultraviolet Index and
Downward Short Wave Radiation Flux grids are available in the NDGD. These
grids will be derived automatically from the 1200 Coordinated Universal
Time (UTC) model run of the Global Forecast System (GFS) for the
Conterminous United States (CONUS). The Ultraviolet Index grids will be
available for each daylight hour out to 48 hours, while the Daily Maximum
Ultraviolet Index grids will be available once per day out to 120 hours
and the Downward Short Wave Radiation Flux grids will be available for
every third daylight hour out to 120 hours.

More detail regarding these experimental grids is available in a Product
Description Document (PDD) online at:

<http://products.weather.gov/detaile.php?selrow=422>

To access the experimental grids, use the following URLs:

For ftp access:

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

For http access:

<http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndgd/GT.dnggfs>

General information on accessing and using NDGD elements is available online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/ndgd/technical.shtml>

At the conclusion of the comment period, the NWS will evaluate all comments and decide whether to declare the experimental grids operational, discontinue the experimental grids or re-submit the grids for another experimental period.

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