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Subject: Corrected: Soliciting Comments until July 15, 2014, on the Experimental User Defined Area Forecast Point-and-Click Web Application

Corrected to change date in subject line July 15, 2014.

Effective Monday, July 15, 2013, at noon Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), and continuing until July 15, 2014, the NWS is accepting comments on the User Defined Area Forecast (UDAF) point-and-click web application for the conterminous United States (CONUS) only:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=UDAF

The UDAF is an Internet-accessible application allowing direct interaction with the full resolution (2.5km horizontal grid spacing) NWS netCDF forecast database to obtain forecast information within a user specified geographic area. The interface allows an individual to define geographical boundaries in both area and elevation, and submit those values to retrieve a forecast directly from the digital forecast data base. This database is populated by NWS meteorologists at local Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) responsible for that user-defined polygon domain.

Output is presented in the same format as the point-and-click forecast, but based on an average value of the specified area. Additionally, the application creates a table with maximum and minimum values, along with statistics about the size and elevation range of the selected area. The area itself is
displayed graphically to ensure it matches the user’s identified zone of interest.

The experimental UDAF is online at:

http://preview.weather.gov/udaf/

More information is available in the UDAF Product Description Document online at:

http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php

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