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Subject: Soliciting Public Comments through March 21, 2014
 on the Removal of GFS-based products

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) is seeking comments through March 21, 2014, on a proposal to stop producing several obsolete products based on output from the Global Forecast System (GFS) model. Legacy products being suggested for removal include gridded, text and graphical products listed below. If NWS decides to terminate a product, it will be removed from all dissemination sources, including NOAAPORT, the NCEP and NWS ftp server and all other sources.

Gridded Products Proposed for Removal:

- 0.5 degree resolution RTG Sea Surface Temperature(SST)analysis
- 1 degree Reynolds 7-day SST analysis on Family of Services grid
- 1 degree Reynolds 7-day SST analysis on WAFS grid
- GRIB1 GFS model output on AWIPS grid 213 for a 95km CONUS domain
- GRIB1 GFS model output on AWIPS grid 211 for an 80km CONUS domain

Text Products Proposed for Removal:

- Upper Wind Fallout Forecasts
- GFS output in legacy GRID format
- Text bulletins of ship observations from GFS analysis

Graphical Products Proposed for Removal:

- Redbook graphics plots of normal maximum and minimum temperature
- Facsimile (FAX) charts of winds and temperatures at various flight levels
- FAX charts of surface analyses for various domains

More specific details about the products, along with suggested alternative products are provided at this webpage:

http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/docs/gfs_legacy_remove2014.shtml

NWS will evaluate all comments to determine whether to proceed with this change. If approved, NWS will send a Technical Implementation Notice giving 30 days notice of the implementation date.

Send comments on this proposal to:

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