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Subject: Change to the Name of the Recreational Report (RECAFG) from Mount McKinley Recreational Forecast to Denali Recreational Forecast: Effective on or about April 20, 2016

Effective with the first calendar year 2016 issuance of the RECAFG (on or about Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 600 AM Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT), 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Fairbanks, AK will change the name of the Recreational Report from the Mount McKinley Recreational Forecast to the Denali Recreational Forecast. There is no change to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Header (SXAK49 PAFG), Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) ID (RECAFG) or the format of the NWS product.

The product name will be changed to match the official name change of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali. The U.S. Secretary of the Interior issued the Secretarial Order that officially changed the name on August 28, 2015. Denali is the tallest mountain on the North American continent and has an official height of 20,310 feet above sea level. Denali is the traditional Koyukon Athabascan name for the mountain. Denali is located within Denali National Park and Preserve, AK.

The first recreational report of the season is usually issued in late April or early May of each year. This product is available on the web at:

<http://pafg.arh.noaa.gov/>

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