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SUBJECT: Soliciting comments on proposed termination of
 County-based Flash Flood Guidance (FFG) at all locations
 through June 30, 2018

NWS is proposing the termination of the county-based Flash Flood Guidance (FFG) text products. The NWS has transitioned from using the county-based FFG (average FFG value based on a county scale) to the gridded FFG value (the average based on a 4km x 4km scale). The county-based FFG is produced for only part of CONUS (east of the Mississippi River). The gridded FFG is produced for the entire United States. NWS is seeking to determine if external customers use the county-based FFG rather than the gridded FFG.

The text products for the county-based FFG that NWS is proposing to terminate are currently found in the following WMO headers:

| WMO Heading | AWIPS ID |
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| FOUS61-5 | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS62 KALR | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS64 KFWR | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS63 KKRK | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS63 KMSR | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS64 KORN | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS61 KRHA | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS61 KTAR | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS61 KTIR | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |
| FOUS64 KTUA | FFGxx where xx = two letter identifier for the state |

The preferred gridded (GRIB2) products for the FFG (which cover the continental U.S. on a 4km x 4km grid) are currently found in the following WMO headers:

WMO Heading

ZEGZ98 PACR
ZEGZ98 KALR
ZEGZ98 KFWR

ZEGZ98 KKRF
ZEGZ98 KMSR
ZEGZ98 KORN
ZEGZ98 KPTR
ZEGZ98 KRHA
ZEGZ98 KRSA
ZEGZ98 KSTR
ZEGZ98 KTAR
ZEGZ98 KTIR
ZEGZ98 KTUA

Link to information about GRIB2:

http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/docs/grib2/grib2_doc.shtml

Link to a ftp site to retrieve the gridded FFG covering CONUS:

<ftp://ftp.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/workoff/ffg/>

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