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SUBJECT: Changes to Files Available on Advanced Hydrologic
Prediction Service (AHPS) Downloads Webpage Effective
on or after January 19, 2016

Effective on or after January 19, 2016, the following changes
will be made to files available on the NWS Advanced Hydrologic
Prediction Service (AHPS) downloads webpage available at:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps/download.php>

Changes will be made to the shapefiles and KMZ files to improve
consistency. The changes will include:

1. In both the observed and forecast national shapefiles, when the status of a gauge is set to `not_defined`, the stage levels will be set to `NULL` or `UNDEF`. They will not be set to zero as they currently are because zero is a number and may confuse users.
2. In both the observed and forecast national shapefiles, if there is no `ObsTime` or `FcstTime` (e.g., `FcstTime` shows `N/A`), `ObsTime` and `FcstTime` will be set to `NULL` or `UNDEF`. They will not be numerical values as they currently are.
3. PEDTS codes in observed shapefiles will be all in upper case as they currently are in forecast shapefiles.
4. In the observed KMZ files, layer names will change to be consistent with names shown on the national map legend. Normal Stage will be changed to No Flooding and Old Stage will be changed to Observations Are Not Current.
5. In the observed shapefiles, legend information will be added to the details for object.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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