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Subject: Western Region Web Changes: New Layout, and Secure Communications: Effective April 18, 2017

On or shortly after April 18, 2017, all Western Region (WR) NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs), and Center Weather Service Units (CWSUs) will migrate to a new layout on the front page of their web home pages.

This change is in response to a required web infrastructure consolidation. The change will provide office-to-office consistency because the layout of the home page will be set across the Region.

In addition, per Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive M-15-13, all publicly accessible federal websites and services, namely, www.wrh.noaa.gov and WR River Forecast Centers (RFCs), will only provide service through a secure connection (https).

The OMB directive can be found at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2015/m-15-13.pdf

NWS WR WFOs (with 3-letter identifier):

Billings, MT (BYZ)  
Boise, ID (BOI)  
Elko, NV (LKN)  
Eureka, CA (EKA)  
Flagstaff, AZ (FGZ)  
Glasgow, MT (GGW)  
Great Falls, MT (TFX)  
Las Vegas, NV (VEF)  
Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA (LOX)  
Medford, OR (MFR)  
Missoula, MT (MSO)  
Pendleton, OR (PDT)  
Phoenix, AZ (PSR)
Pocatello, ID (PIH)
Portland, OR (PQR)
Reno, NV (REV)
Sacramento, CA (STO)
San Diego, CA (SGX)
San Francisco Bay Area/Monterey, CA (MTR)
San Joaquin Valley/Hanford, CA (HNX)
Seattle, WA (SEW)
Spokane, WA (OTX)
Tucson, AZ (TWC)

NWS WR CWSUs:
Los Angeles, CA (ZLA)
Oakland, CA (ZOA)
Salt Lake City, UT (ZLC)
Seattle, WA (ZSE)

NWS WR RFCs:
Colorado Basin RFC (CBRFC)
California-Nevada RFC (CNRFC)
Northwest RFC (NWRFC)

An example of what the new front page for WR WFOs will look like is online at:

https://www.weather.gov/slc/

An example of the new front page for the WR CWSUs is online at:

https://www.weather.gov/zse/

Also, if you have automated scripts, we highly encourage you to use Official NWS Application Programming Interface (APIs), documented here:

https://forecast-v3.weather.gov/documentation

Be sure to use "https" in place of "http" in all your automation scripts.

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