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Subject: Alaska Aviation Weather Unit and Volcanic Ash Advisory Center Will Migrate to a New Layout on Their Web Home Pages: Effective May 10, 2017

On or shortly after May 10, 2017, the Alaska Aviation Weather Unit (AAWU) and the Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) will migrate to a new layout on 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 will provide service through a secure connection (https).

The OMB directive can be found at:


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

http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/aawu_example.JPG

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

http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/vaac_example.JPG

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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