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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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