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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Discontinuing the
 Text Only River Forecast and Daily River Text
 Products in Alaska until August 2, 2019

The NWS is accepting public comments until August 2, 2019, on a proposal to discontinue the Text only River Forecast (RVA) and Daily River Text products (RVD) in Alaska.

These text products were developed many years ago to provide hydrologic observations and related information in a format that met the needs of users at the time. A majority of this information is available through the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction System (AHPS) as graphical hydrographs, tabular data and machine-readable XML formatted data. See: <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/>

While observations for river locations in Alaska will be available on AHPS, the daily trend forecast for some locations will not be available.

The Daily River Summary product provides hydrologic forecasts and observations in Standard Hydrometeorological Exchange Format (SHEF). Current users are requested to use the newer, more complete, data available in XML and tabular formats.

Products proposed to be discontinued:

Product Names	AWIPS IDs	WMO Headings
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River Forecast for Southeast Alaska	RVAAJK	SRAK47 PAJK
River Forecast for Chena and Tanana River Basins	RVAAFG	SRAK49 PAFG AFG
River Forecast for Northern and Western Alaska	RVAYKN	SRAK49 PAFG YKN
River Forecast for Southcentral and Southwest Alaska	RVAAFC	SRAK48 PAFC
Daily River Summary - Juneau	RVDAJK	FGAK57 PAJK
Daily River Summary - Fairbanks	RVDAFG	FGAK59 PAFG
Daily River Summary - Anchorage	RVDAFC	FGAK58 PAFC

Users that would like assistance locating a newer alternative product are encouraged to call the hydrologist on duty at 907-266-5160 for assistance with finding a newer substitute NWS hydrologic product.

A Service Change Notice will be sent before terminating these products.

Please submit comments regarding the proposal to discontinue these products to:

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