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TO: NWS Offices
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SUBJECT: Elimination of the Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF)
Service for the Desert Rock Airport, Nevada (KDRA),
Effective December 7, 2011

Effective December 7, 2011 at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Office in Las Vegas, NV, will no longer provide TAF service for the Desert Rock Airport (KDRA) in Desert Rock, Nevada. Routine and updated TAFS will no longer be issued for this airport.

TAF service was initiated for KDRA in the 1970s when nuclear testing personnel were routinely flying into the KDRA airport. At that time, there was significant air traffic into that field. In 1992, flights into KDRA were reduced dramatically when nuclear testing was banned. In 2009, the FAA changed the airport use to private use, with permission required from the Department of Energy (DOE) before landing. The airport has no control tower and is unattended.

Holders of NWS procedural Instruction 10-813 (Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts) should make the following deletion to the appendices:

Airport	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Desert Rock	FTUS45 KVEF	TAFDRA

In addition, the TAF will be deleted from the existing TAF collectives below, which are transmitted to FAA personnel and other external customers.

WMO Headings Available to the following customers

FTUS80 KWBC Non-FAA Domestic and Family of Services

FTUS90 KWBC FAA Weather Message Switching Center and FAA Facilities

FTUS52 KWBC Global Telecommunication System Customers

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