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Subject: Transition of the National Digital Forecast Database Map Viewer
from Experimental to Operational Status: Effective March 31, 2015

Effective Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the experimental NDFD Map Viewer will transition to operational status. The NDFD Map Viewer provides more efficient and effective data display and interaction. It enables users to interactively zoom and roam NDFD forecast grids displayed at full spatial and temporal resolution.

The experimental NDFD Map Viewer is currently available at:

<http://preview.weather.gov/graphical/>

On March 31, 2015, the operational NDFD Map Viewer will be available at:

<http://digital.weather.gov/>

The above URL is not valid until after 1400 UTC on March 31, 2015.

Users may view NDFD information at full resolution for both the Conterminous (CONUS) United States and the Outside Conterminous United States (OCONUS) by using the drop down menu.

Initially, images of NDFD grids will continue to be available at:

<http://graphical.weather.gov/>

After March 31, 2015, national, regional, state and WFO graphical pages will begin transitioning to the new NDFD Map Viewer. Weather Forecast Office (WFO) pages will scale back to only WFO-specific or unique forecast elements not included in the NDFD. Before this change, a message will appear on each page announcing this modification.

Further information regarding this map viewer is available in a Product Description Document online at:

<http://products.weather.gov/>

General information on accessing and using NDFD elements is online at:

<http://ndfd.weather.gov/technical.htm>

If March 31, 2015, is a critical weather day, this implementation may be postponed. Partners and users will be notified of that decision via a Technical Implementation Notice as far in advance as possible.

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