

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Raleigh NC
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...National Weather Service Raleigh, NC Transitioning to a New Format for the Area Forecast Discussion Beginning on January 12, 2026...

Beginning at 12:00 AM EST on Monday January 12, 2026, the National Weather Service Raleigh, NC Forecast Office will transition to a Key Message format for the Area Forecast Discussion (AFDRAH).

This strategic change aligns the Area Forecast Discussion (AFD) with an impacts-first message philosophy, enabling our office to streamline communication and reduce redundancy. This transition moves away from a strictly chronological layout to focus immediately on potential weather impacts and hazards. By prioritizing Key Messages, we aim to enhance clarity and eliminate duplication within the Area Forecast Discussion.

A side-by-side comparison of the old format and the new format templates can be found at:
<https://www.weather.gov/erh/newAFD>

The latest local AFD can be found at the following link:
<https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=rah&issuedby=RAH&product=AFD>

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