

## Notification of Proposed Changes to NWS Information Services

**Release Date:** September 5, 2008

**Background:** Policies of the National Weather Service (NWS) require adequate notice when NWS is considering initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information services. Pursuant to these policies, NWS is providing notice of intent to change the information services listed below. **Latest updates are highlighted.**

### I. Proposed Changes:

#### A. Experimental Information Services or Modifications Proposed for Operations

For details on each change listed below and how to provide comments, see [Database of NWS Information Services](#) or contact the individuals listed below. For changes to NCEP model products, see <http://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/>.

<u>Service Name</u>	<u>Comment Close Date</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
National Digital Forecast Database User Defined GRIB2 files	1/1/2005	Robert Bunge <a href="mailto:robert.bunge@noaa.gov">robert.bunge@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1381 x140
NWS Watches, Warnings and Advisories Using RSS and CAP XML Based Formats	5/31/2005	Robert Bunge <a href="mailto:robert.bunge@noaa.gov">robert.bunge@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1381 x140
Experimental Snowfall Intensity Outlook	4/1/2006	Ron Murphy <a href="mailto:Ron.Murphy@noaa.gov">Ron.Murphy@noaa.gov</a> 607-729-1597
Termination of Solar Wind Data and Changes to Associated Products	5/18/2006	Beth McNulty <a href="mailto:solar.wind.comments@noaa.gov">solar.wind.comments@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1726 x116
Ridge Image and Warning Output to KML/KMZ	8/30/2006	Robert Bunge <a href="mailto:robert.bunge@noaa.gov">robert.bunge@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1381 x140
NWS Warnings Using Geographic Information Systems	9/1/2006	Ken Waters <a href="mailto:ken.waters@noaa.gov">ken.waters@noaa.gov</a> (808) 532-6413

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Use of KML/KMZ as NWS standard GIS format	12/31/2006	Robert Bunge <a href="mailto:robert.bunge@noaa.gov">robert.bunge@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1381 x140
Alaska Region NDFD Grids	4/7/2007	Duane Carpenter <a href="mailto:duane.carpenter@noaa.gov">duane.carpenter@noaa.gov</a> 907-271-5127
Experimental Gridded Significant Wave Heights	5/31/2007	Timothy Schott <a href="mailto:timothy.schott@noaa.gov">timothy.schott@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x122
Proposed Change in Forecast Trend Categories for US Drought Outlook	6/1/2007	Doug LeComte <a href="mailto:Douglas.lecomte@noaa.gov">Douglas.lecomte@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000x7567
National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) Convective Outlook Hazard Probability Elements	6/29/2007	John Ferree <a href="mailto:john.t.ferree@noaa.gov">john.t.ferree@noaa.gov</a> 405-325-2209
Weather, Water, and Climate Information Podcasts	8/31/2007	Herb White <a href="mailto:Herbert.White@noaa.gov">Herbert.White@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-0090 x146
Experimental National Ceiling and Visibility Analysis Product	10/6/2007	Ronald Olson <a href="mailto:ronald.olson@noaa.gov">ronald.olson@noaa.gov</a> 816-584-7200 x 239
NCEP Model Analysis and Forecast (Jan. 2008 changes)	2/08/2008	John Huddleston <a href="mailto:John.M.Huddleston@noaa.gov">John.M.Huddleston@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000x7136
Experimental Enhanced Thunder Product, Update 1	2/15/2008	Art Thomas <a href="mailto:art.thomas@noaa.gov">art.thomas@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1867x193
Real-Time Mesoscale Analysis (RTMA), Update 1 (Alaska coverage)	4/20/2008	Lee Anderson <a href="mailto:lee.anderson@noaa.gov">lee.anderson@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1975x124
Experimental Gridded Significant Wave Heights, Update 1	5/31/2008	Timothy Schott <a href="mailto:timothy.schott@noaa.gov">timothy.schott@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x122

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Experimental Western Region Fire Weather/Marine Point Forecast Matrix (PFM)	6/1/2008	Rich Douglas <a href="mailto:rich.douglas@noaa.gov">rich.douglas@noaa.gov</a> 801-524-4000x262
Experimental Lightning Potential Index	6/14/2008	Douglas Crowley <a href="mailto:doug.crowley@noaa.gov">doug.crowley@noaa.gov</a> 970-243-7007
Instant Messaging During Significant Weather and Hydrologic Events	10/31/2007 (Central, Western, Southern Regions); 12/31/2008 (Eastern Region)	Darone Jones <a href="mailto:darone.jones@noaa.gov">darone.jones@noaa.gov</a> 205-644-3010
Experimental NWS web services via wireless technologies (national scope)	6/30/2008	Robert Bunge <a href="mailto:robert.bunge@noaa.gov">robert.bunge@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1381 x140
Experimental Grassland Fire Danger Index for the Kansas Plains	6/30/2008	Mary-Beth Schreck <a href="mailto:MaryBeth.schreck@noaa.gov">MaryBeth.schreck@noaa.gov</a> 316-942-3102
Experimental Weekend Weather Graphic	7/31/2008	Daniel McCarthy <a href="mailto:Daniel.Mccarthy@noaa.gov">Daniel.Mccarthy@noaa.gov</a> 317-856-0360
Experimental 7-Day Evapotranspiration Forecast	7/31/2008	Rich Douglas <a href="mailto:rich.douglas@noaa.gov">rich.douglas@noaa.gov</a> 801-524-4000x262
Experimental Miami Approach and Departure Gates Forecast Product	7/31/2008	John E. Wright <a href="mailto:John.E.Wright@noaa.gov">John.E.Wright@noaa.gov</a> 305-716-1634
Proposed Upgrade to Global Ensemble Forecast System	8/20/2008	John Ward <a href="mailto:John.Ward@noaa.gov">John.Ward@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000x7185
Experimental Sacramento WRF NMM Model Output	8/31/2008	Chris Hintz, Holly Osborne <a href="mailto:chris.hintz@noaa.gov">chris.hintz@noaa.gov</a> 916-979-3041

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Experimental Tabular Product Evolution in eXtensible Markup Language	9/12/2008	Steve Olson <a href="mailto:steve.r.olson@noaa.gov">steve.r.olson@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-0056 X190
Experimental 10 Percent Probability of Exceedance Wind Gust Grid (G10)	9/30/2008	Ryan Knutsvig <a href="mailto:ryan.knutsvig@noaa.gov">ryan.knutsvig@noaa.gov</a> 775-778-6716
NWS Warning Alert Messaging Services via Mobile Device Technologies	9/30/2008	Andy Edman <a href="mailto:andy.edman@noaa.gov">andy.edman@noaa.gov</a> 801-524-5131
Experimental Fire Weather Point Forecast Matrix	10/1/2008	Larry Garbic <a href="mailto:Larry.garbic@noaa.gov">Larry.garbic@noaa.gov</a> 864-848-9970
Experimental Graphical Convective Outlook for the Alaska FIR	10/15/2008	Tony Hall <a href="mailto:tony.hall@noaa.gov">tony.hall@noaa.gov</a> 907-266-5116
NDFD Experimental Web Feature Service	10/31/2008	John Schattel <a href="mailto:john.schattel@noaa.gov">john.schattel@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-0056x111
Experimental Global Tropics Benefits / Hazards Assessment	11/3/2008	Jon Gottschalck <a href="mailto:Jon.Gottschalck@noaa.gov">Jon.Gottschalck@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000 x 7753
Experimental Orlando International Airport (MCO) TRACON Collaborative Convective Forecast Product	11/14/2008	Paul Witsaman <a href="mailto:Paul.Witsaman@noaa.gov">Paul.Witsaman@noaa.gov</a> 817-978-1100 X 116
Experimental NCEP RTMA Grids for Hawaii and Puerto Rico Areas	11/24/2008	Geoff DiMego <a href="mailto:geoff.dimego@noaa.gov">geoff.dimego@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000 x 7221
Experimental Expanded Point Forecast Matrix Webpage Product	11/30/2008	Ross Dickman <a href="mailto:I.Ross.Dickman@noaa.gov">I.Ross.Dickman@noaa.gov</a> 631-244-0104
Experimental Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities (TCSWSP) for the North Pacific Ocean in the NDFD	11/30/2008	Scott Kiser <a href="mailto:Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov">Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x121

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Experimental Tropical Cyclone Wind Field Graphic	11/30/2008	Scott Kiser <a href="mailto:Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov">Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x121
Experimental Probabilistic Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge, Update 2	11/30/2008	Scott Kiser <a href="mailto:Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov">Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x121
Experimental Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook, Update 1	11/30/2008	Scott Kiser <a href="mailto:Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov">Scott.Kiser@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x121
Experimental Tropical Cyclone Hazards Graphics, Update 2	11/30/2008	Timothy Schott <a href="mailto:timothy.schott@noaa.gov">timothy.schott@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x122
NWS Watches, Warnings and Advisories Using CAP Format Version 1.1	12/1/2008	Robert Bunge <a href="mailto:robert.bunge@noaa.gov">robert.bunge@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1381 x140
Experimental Hazards Grids in the National Digital Forecast Database	1/8/2009	Mark Tew <a href="mailto:mark.tew@noaa.gov">mark.tew@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x103
Experimental Southern Region Multi-Sensor Precipitation Estimates Web-Based Service	1/31/2009	Judson Ladd <a href="mailto:judson.ladd@noaa.gov">judson.ladd@noaa.gov</a> 817-978-1100x109
Experimental Carolinas Coast/Southeastern Marine Web Portal, Update 1	1/31/2009	Michael Caropolo <a href="mailto:Michael.caropolo@noaa.gov">Michael.caropolo@noaa.gov</a> 910-762-4289
Experimental Water Resources Outlook Multi-Media Briefing	1/31/2009	Ben Weiger <a href="mailto:ben.weiger@noaa.gov">ben.weiger@noaa.gov</a> (817) 978-1100x118
Experimental NWR on the WEB WFO Mt.Holly	3/2/2009	Dan Hagarty <a href="mailto:Daniel.Hagarty@noaa.gov">Daniel.Hagarty@noaa.gov</a> 609-261-66602 x235
Experimental Western Region Standardized Fire Weather Web Pages	6/1/2009	Roger Lamoni <a href="mailto:Roger.Lamoni@noaa.gov">Roger.Lamoni@noaa.gov</a> 801-524-4000

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Experimental D Region Absorption Prediction, Release 2	6/30/2009	Steven Hill <a href="mailto:steven.hill@noaa.gov">steven.hill@noaa.gov</a> 303-497-3283

#### B. Operational Information Services Proposed for Termination

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<u>Service Name</u>	<u>Comment Close Date</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
Proposed Termination of Alaska Marine Table	10/10/2008	Bob Hopkins <a href="mailto:bob.hopkins@noaa.gov">bob.hopkins@noaa.gov</a> 907-266-5120
Proposed Termination of the NGM and Related NGM- Based Products	9/9/2008	Douglas Hilderbrand <a href="mailto:douglas.hilderbrand@noaa.gov">douglas.hilderbrand@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-3557 x 179
Proposed Replacement of Eta Based MOS Products With NAM MOS Products	8/20/2008	Kathryn Gilbert <a href="mailto:kathryn.gilbert@noaa.gov">kathryn.gilbert@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-0023 x 130
Termination of Solar Wind Data and Changes to Associated Products	5/18/2006	Beth McNulty <a href="mailto:solar.wind.comments@noaa.gov">solar.wind.comments@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1726 x116

## II. Notice of Recent Decisions Made:

### A. Experimental Information Services or Modifications Transitioned to Operations

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<u>Service Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
Insert Call-to-Action Markers in NWS Watch Warning and Advisory Text Products	2/11/2009	Herb White <a href="mailto:Herbert.White@noaa.gov">Herbert.White@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-0090 x146
Proposed Restructuring of NWS Winter Weather Advisory and Warning Products	9/9/2008	Paul Stokols <a href="mailto:paul.stokols@noaa.gov">paul.stokols@noaa.gov</a> (301)713-1867 x139
Graphical Area Forecast (GFA), Update 1	9/3/2008	Dorothy Haldeman <a href="mailto:dorothy.haldeman@noaa.gov">dorothy.haldeman@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1726x130
Water Resources Streamflow Outlook	8/25/2008	James Noel <a href="mailto:James.Noel@noaa.gov">James.Noel@noaa.gov</a> 937-383-0528
Experimental NDFD Climate Outlook Probability Elements	8/21/2008	Ed Olenic <a href="mailto:Ed.Olenic@noaa.gov">Ed.Olenic@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000 x7528
Experimental Marine Weather Warning	8/5/2008	Mark Tew <a href="mailto:mark.tew@noaa.gov">mark.tew@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x103
Audio Weather Briefing	7/10/2008	Judson Ladd <a href="mailto:judson.ladd@noaa.gov">judson.ladd@noaa.gov</a> 817-978-1100x109
NDFD Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (QPF) for Hawaii	7/8/2008	Bill Ward <a href="mailto:Bill.Ward@noaa.gov">Bill.Ward@noaa.gov</a> 808-532-6415

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National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) Gridded Data	<a href="#">Varies by NDFD element - 7/8/2008</a>	Christine Alex <a href="mailto:Christine.Alex@noaa.gov">Christine.Alex@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1858 x171
National Digital Forecast Database Experimental Graphic Forecast Displays	<a href="#">Varies by NDFD element - 7/8/2008</a>	Christine Alex <a href="mailto:Christine.Alex@noaa.gov">Christine.Alex@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1858 x171
Proposed Upgrade to Wave Ensemble System	6/24/2008	John Ward <a href="mailto:John.Ward@noaa.gov">John.Ward@noaa.gov</a> 301-763-8000x7185

#### B. Experimental Information Services Terminated

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Great Lakes Port Forecasts, Update 1	10/1/2008	Timothy Schott <a href="mailto:timothy.schott@noaa.gov">timothy.schott@noaa.gov</a> 301-713-1677x122

#### C. Operational Information Services Terminated/To be Terminated

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<u>Service Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
Termination of NWS Southern Region Precipitation Analysis Information Service	6/18/2008	Dave Reed <a href="mailto:Dave.reed@noaa.gov">Dave.reed@noaa.gov</a> 985-641-4343x322



D. Other

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None