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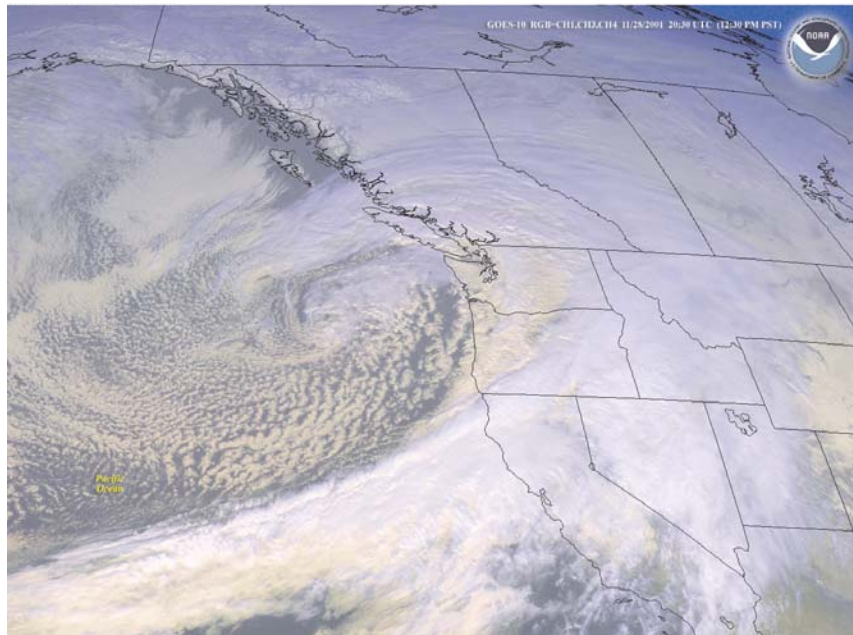
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FOREWORD

This is the 29th edition of the *National Winter Storms Operations Plan* (NWSOP). The purpose of the plan is to coordinate the efforts of the Federal meteorological community to provide enhanced weather observations of severe winter storms that impact the coastal regions of the United States. The goal is to improve the accuracy and timeliness of severe winter storm forecast and warning services provided by the Nation's weather service organizations. These forecast and warning responsibilities are shared by the National Weather Service, within the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and the weather services of the United States Air Force and the United States Navy, within the Department of Defense. While the plan summarizes the availability of surface, upper air, and satellite observations of all types, it focuses on the coordination of requirements for aircraft weather reconnaissance observations provided by the Air Force Reserve Command's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and NOAA's Aircraft Operations Center.

Within the organizational infrastructure of the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (OFCM), the Working Group for Hurricane and Winter Storms Operations and Research (WG/HWSOR) is responsible for maintaining the plan. This 2010 edition of the plan is published on the OFCM web site and has incorporated numerous revisions from the previous edition (December 2005, and Change 1 [November 2007]).

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