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Subject: Change to the Name of the Recreational Report  
(RECAFG) from Mount McKinley Recreational Forecast to  
Denali Recreational Forecast Effective on or about  
April 20, 2016

Effective with the first calendar year 2016 issuance of the  
RECAFG (on or about Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 600 AM Alaska  
Daylight Time (AKDT), 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC))  
the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Fairbanks, AK, will  
change the name of the Recreational Report from the Mount  
McKinley Recreational Forecast to the Denali Recreational  
Forecast. There is no change to the WMO Header (SXAK49 PAFG),  
AWIPS ID (RECAFG) or the format of the NWS product.

The product name will be changed to match the official name  
change of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali. The U.S. Secretary of  
the Interior issued the Secretarial Order that officially  
changed the name on August 28, 2015. Denali is the tallest  
mountain on the North American continent and has an official  
height of 20,310 feet above sea level. Denali is the  
traditional Koyukon Athabascan name for the mountain. Denali is  
located within Denali National Park and Preserve, AK.

The first recreational report of the season is usually issued  
in late April or early May of each year. This product is  
available on the web at:

<http://pafg.arh.noaa.gov/>

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