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Subject: Updated: Implementation of changes to the NWS forecast website
at
 forecast.weather.gov on hold

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Central Operations (NCO) had planned to implement a major change to its Point Forecast application (<http://forecast.weather.gov>) on Monday, August 14, 2017, however this implementation has been postponed. A new implementation date has not yet been set.

The Public Information Statement (PNS) issued on October 17, 2016, to collect comments on this intended change is online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/pns16-35forecastgov.htm>

Comments on these changes were generally favorable so implementation of the new Point Forecast application is planned. The purpose of these changes is to create a more usable interface with no duplication of service to users while providing a more modern service-oriented data structure.

The October 17 PNS provided details on changes that will be made to a variety of Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) in association with this implementation. Partners and users are encouraged to refer to this PNS for the specific technical details.

The following link provides partners and users with a series of examples of how the user experience of the Point Forecast application will change for certain key functions. Both before and after depictions are provided in each case.

<https://forecast-v3.weather.gov/documentation?redirect=legacy>

Partners and users who have bookmarked forecast.weather.gov to access the Point Forecast pages will be taken to a page indicating the new URL they should bookmark to access the new page in the future.

In addition to the above changes, all URLs will be served only on SSL per Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Directive M-15-13 online at:

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2015/m-15-13.pdf>

All URLs for forecast.weather.gov and www.weather.gov will be redirected to SSL and will be accessible only at https: domain names.

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