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Subject: Western Region Web Changes: New Layout, and Secure
 Communications effective April 18, 2017

On or shortly after April 18, 2017, all Western Region (WR) NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs), and Center Weather Service Units (CWSUs) will migrate to a new layout on the front page of their web home pages.

This change is in response to a required web infrastructure consolidation. The change will provide office-to-office consistency because the layout of the home page will be set across the Region.

In addition, per Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive M-15-13, all publicly accessible federal websites and services, namely, www.wrh.noaa.gov and WR River Forecast Centers (RFCs) will only provide service through a secure connection (https).

The OMB directive can be found at:
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2015/m-15-13.pdf>

NWS WR WFOs (with 3-letter identifier):

Billings, MT (BYZ)
Boise, ID (BOI)
Elko, NV (LKN)
Eureka, CA (EKA)
Flagstaff, AZ (FGZ)
Glasgow, MT (GGW)
Great Falls, MT (TFX)
Las Vegas, NV (VEF)
Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA (LOX)
Medford, OR (MFR)
Missoula, MT (MSO)
Pendleton, OR (PDT)
Phoenix, AZ (PSR)

Pocatello, ID (PIH)
Portland, OR (PQR)
Reno, NV (REV)
Sacramento, CA (STO)
Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)
San Diego, CA (SGX)
San Francisco Bay Area/Monterey, CA (MTR)
San Joaquin Valley/Hanford, CA (HNX)
Seattle, WA (SEW)
Spokane, WA (OTX)
Tucson, AZ (TWC)

NWS WR CWSUs:

Los Angeles, CA (ZLA)
Oakland, CA (ZOA)
Salt Lake City, UT (ZLC)
Seattle, WA (ZSE)

NWS WR RFCs:

Colorado Basin RFC (CBRFC)
California-Nevada RFC (CNRFC)
Northwest RFC (NWRFC)

An example of what the new front page for WR WFOs will look like is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/slc/>

An example of the new front page for the WR CWSUs is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/zse/>

Also, if you have automated scripts, we highly encourage you to use Official NWS Application Programming Interface (APIs), documented here:

<https://forecast-v3.weather.gov/documentation>

Be sure to use "https" in place of "http" in all your automation scripts.

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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