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Service Change Notice 17-12 Updated National Weather Service Headquarters Silver Spring MD 825 AM EDT Wed Mar 29 2017

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Director, Weather Prediction Center

Subject: Updated: Resolution upgrade for WPC Quantitative

Precipitation Forecasts for CONUS effective

April 3, 2017

Updated effective date changed to Monday, April 3, 2017 due to critical weather day

Effective Monday, April 3, 2017, beginning with the 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) issuance, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will change the Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (QPF) products as follows:

- The 5-km resolution QPF products will be upgraded to a 2.5-km resolution grid on an extended domain which fully covers the Northwest River Forecast Center basin.
- The new 2.5-km resolution data will replace the existing 5-km products.
- The 2.5-km products will use the same WMO headers as the current 5-km products.
- No changes will be made to the existing 10-km QPF products.

All products will be disseminated on the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN), NOAAPORT, and an ftp server in GRIB2 format.

Test grids for the 2.5-km products will be available in GRIB2 format with WMO headers on or about Monday, February 6, 2017, on the WPC's ftp server:

ftp://ftp.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/2p5km_qpf

A listing of the WMO headers affected is given in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Products affected by this Change Notice

Product WMO Header
-----6-hr QPF F006 LEMB98 KWNH
6-hr QPF F012 LEMC98 KWNH

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6-hr QPF F018
6-hr QPF F024
6-hr QPF F030
6-hr QPF F030
6-hr QPF F036
6-hr QPF F036
6-hr QPF F042
6-hr QPF F042
6-hr QPF F048
6-hr QPF F048
6-hr QPF F054
6-hr QPF F060
6-hr QPF F060
6-hr QPF F066
6-hr QPF F072
6-hr QPF F072
6-hr QPF F072
6-hr QPF F084
6-hr QPF F084
6-hr QPF F090
6-hr QPF F090
6-hr QPF F090
6-hr QPF F102
6-hr QPF F102
6-hr QPF F108
6-hr QPF F108
6-hr QPF F108
6-hr QPF F120
6-hr QPF F120
6-hr QPF F132
6-hr QPF F132
6-hr QPF F138
6-hr QPF F138
6-hr QPF F138
6-hr QPF F144
6-hr QPF F156
6-hr QPF F156
6-hr QPF F156
6-hr QPF F156
6-hr QPF F168
120-hr QPF F168
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