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Subject: Soliciting Public Comments on the Removal of Products
from the Global Forecast System (GFS) through April 30, 2020

The National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) is
soliciting comments on the removal of certain products from the
Global Forecast System (GFS).

These changes are proposed to occur when the next version of the
GFS, version 16, is implemented into operations, tentatively
scheduled for February 2021.

The following products will be removed from NCEP Web Services,
including the NOAA National Operational Model Archive and
Distribution System (NOMADS) "grib filter," OpenDAP, FTP, TGFTP
and the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN)/NOAAPort:

For FTP, NOMADS and OpenDAP, the following will be changed:

<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod>
<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gfs/prod>

Parameters 5 wave height(5WAVH) and filtered Shuell SLP (PRMSL)
will be removed from:

- gdas.YYYYMMDD/CC/gdas.tCCz.pgrb2.0p25.f*
- gdas.YYYYMMDD/CC/gdas.tCCz.pgrb2.1p00.f*
- gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/gfs.tCCz.pgrb2.0p25.f*
- gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/gfs.tCCz.pgrb2.0p50.f*
- gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/gfs.tCCz.pgrb2.1p00.f*

Lifted Index (LFTX) parameter will be removed from:

- gdas.YYYYMMDD/CC/gdas.tCCz.sfluxgrbf*
- gfs.YYYYMMDD/CC/gfs.tCCz.sfluxgrbf*

Where YYYYMMDD is the initialization year, month, and day, and CC is the model cycle (00, 06, 12, and 18 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC))

- The gfs.tCCz.goessimpgrb2.1p00.f* files and simulated GOES-12 and 13 products in gfs.tCCz.goessimpgrb2f* will be replaced by new simulated GOES-16 and 17 products to be implemented with GFS version 16. The five wave height and filtered Shuell Sea Level Pressure products are legacy products that were heavily filtered to smooth out terrain noise, but have caused confusion due to their inconsistency with corresponding wind fields. Therefore, the Environmental Modeling Center (EMC) will remove five wave height products while replacing filtered Shuell Sea Level Pressure with the unfiltered one with the same variable name (PRMSL). The Lifted Index product can be found in commonly used corresponding gdas and gfs pressure gridded binary (GRIB) files.

- U and V winds and temperature in legacy bulletin format will be removed for select levels based on an existing agreement with the NOAA Aviation Weather Center (see link below for headers).

- The five wave height (5WAVH) legacy variable will be removed from Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) products 20km grids (contiguous U.S. (CONUS), Alaska, Puerto Rico, Pacific region) and LATITUDE/LONGITUDE 1.0 degree grid (see link below for headers).

All World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headers proposed for removal are listed here:

https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/changes/gfsv16_removal_grids.shtml

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

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