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Service Change Notice 22-35 Updated
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From: Ben Kyger, Director
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Subject: Updated: Multi-Day Outage of NOMADS website for Planned
Maintenance: Effective April 19, 2022

Updated to adjust the NOAA Operational Model Archive and Distribution System (NOMADS) outage time window from 56 hours to 24 hours. The outage will begin at 0700 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on 4/19.

Beginning on April 19, 2022, the General Services Administration (GSA) will perform maintenance on the power infrastructure at the David Skaggs Research Center in Boulder, CO. This will impact the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Central Operations (NCO) Boulder data center causing a total outage of the NOMADS website for at least 24 hours, but will not affect the alternate operational website known as FTPPRD.

A. Impacts

(1) During the maintenance window, the NOMADS website (<https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/>) will be unavailable. The following impacts are expected:

- No model data available through the grib filter, openDAP, and regular HTTPS downloads.
- No NEXRAD Level 2 radar data via:
https://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/radar/nexrad_level2/

(2) After the maintenance window, data will not be backfilled. In particular:

- Model data will not be backfilled on NOMADS for cycles during the outage period.
- NEXRAD Level 2 radar data will not be backfilled on NOMADS.

B. Alternatives

All of the data on NOMADS (full files only) can be found at the alternative operational location known as FTPPRD. This maintenance will not affect the data available on FTPPRD at the following links:
<https://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/>

<ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/>

In particular:

- NEXRAD Level 2 data will continue to update on FTPPRD:

https://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/radar/nexrad_level2/
ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/radar/nexrad_level2/

- Model data will continue to be disseminated on FTPPRD:

<https://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/>
<ftp://ftpprd.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/>

For questions regarding this maintenance and the detailed impacts and mitigations listed above, please contact:

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