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Subject: Additional Issuance of WPC Probabilistic Winter Precipitation
Forecast Guidance: Effective October 25, 2017

Effective Wednesday, October 25, 2017, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) issuance, the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) will update the Probabilistic Winter Precipitation Forecast (PWPF) products more frequently to use the latest numerical weather model output as follows:

- The 1200 UTC guidance, currently sent at 0630 and 0830 UTC, will be updated and resent at 1400 UTC to incorporate the latest numerical weather prediction guidance.
- The 0000 UTC guidance, currently sent at 1830 and 2030 UTC, will be updated and resent at 0200 UTC to incorporate the latest numerical weather prediction guidance.

In total, the PWPF guidance will be issued six times per day.

All products will be disseminated on the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN), NOAAPort, and a file transfer protocol (ftp) server in gridded binary version two (GRIB2) format.

The PWPF guidance will continue to be available at the following ftp site:

ftp://ftp.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pwpf/conus_2.5km/

A listing of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headers affected is available at the following URL:

http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/pwpf/WPC_PWPF_WMO_Headers.pdf

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