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Subject: Alaska Aviation Weather Unit and Volcanic Ash Advisory Center  
Will Migrate to a New Layout on Their Web Homepages: Effective May 10,  
2017

On or shortly after May 10, 2017, the Alaska Aviation Weather Unit (AAWU)  
and the Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) will migrate to a new layout  
on their web homepages.

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 will provide service  
through a secure connection (https).

The OMB directive can be found at:

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2015/m-15-13.pdf>

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

[http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/aawu\\_example.JPG](http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/aawu_example.JPG)

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

[http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/vaac\\_example.JPG](http://w2.weather.gov/images/arh/vaac_example.JPG)

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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