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Subject: Amended: Changes to 2.5-km GFS-based Gridded MOS Guidance for the CONUS: Effective January 6, 2016

Amended to change the implementation date from Tuesday, December 15, 2015 to Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

On or about Wednesday, January 6, 2016, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) model run, the NWS Meteorological Development Laboratory (MDL) will implement a minor change to the 2.5-km Global Forecast System (GFS)-based Gridded MOS guidance over the continental U.S. (CONUS). During a previous MOS upgrade in January 2015, a bug was introduced which caused all mesonet stations to drop out of the analysis for temperature and wind elements. This bug resulted in a noticeable degradation of the Gridded MOS guidance especially in areas of terrain over the western U.S.

This update will reincorporate between 450-600 mesonet stations (depending on season) into the Gridded MOS analysis dropped in the January upgrade, resulting in improved terrain detail and overall improved quality of the guidance. Additional mesonet stations will be introduced into the analysis in a future upgrade after retuning efforts are completed.

Beginning approximately one month prior to the implementation date, users may find parallel data for download on NOAA's Parallel Operational Model Archive and Distribution System (NOMADS) at the following link:

## http://para.nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/gfs/para

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A webpage outlining the gridded MOS guidance can be found at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/synop/gmos.php

Links to MOS products and descriptions are online at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/mdl/synop

National Technical Implementation Notices are online at:

https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive

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