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Subject: Updated: Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Grids in the National  
Digital Forecast Database Will Transition to Operational Status on June  
1, 2022

Updated to correct link for download of NDFD GRIB2 files.

Effective June 1, 2022 at 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the Wet  
Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) grids in the National Digital Forecast  
Database (NDFD) will transition from experimental to operational status.

The WBGT is a composite parameter that estimates the effect of  
temperature, humidity, wind chill and solar radiation on humans. This  
parameter is an effective means of assessing heat risk to people involved  
in physical outdoor activity as it measures heat stress on the body in  
direct sunlight.

NWS will provide gridded forecasts of WBGT in the NDFD for the contiguous  
U.S. (CONUS), Hawaii, Guam and Puerto Rico. CONUS data will be available  
hourly out to 36 hours from NDFD issuance time, then every three hours  
out to 72 hours from 0000 UTC Day 1, then every six hours out to 168  
hours from 0000 UTC Day 1. Data for Hawaii, Guam and Puerto Rico will be  
available every three hours out to 72 hours from 0000 UTC Day 1, then  
every six hours out to 168 hours from 0000 UTC Day 1.

In addition, WBGT is currently planned to be added to the hourly weather  
graph. More information will be provided when a completion date is  
known.

NDFD online graphics will be available operationally at:

<https://digital.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/>

WBGT gridded data for forecast days 1-3 and forecast days 4-7 will be  
made available via https and ftp from the following URLs:

tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.conus/VP.001-  
003/ds.wbgt.bin

tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.conus/VP.004-007/ds.wbgt.bin  
tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.hawaii/VP.001-003/ds.wbgt.bin  
tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.hawaii/VP.004-007/ds.wbgt.bin  
tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.guam/VP.001-003/ds.wbgt.bin  
tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.guam/VP.004-007/ds.wbgt.bin  
tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.puertori/VP.001-003/ds.wbgt.bin  
tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.puertori/VP.004-007/ds.wbgt.bin

Please see NWS Product Description Document (PDD) for more details:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD\\_OplWetBulbGlobeTemperature\\_2022.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_OplWetBulbGlobeTemperature_2022.pdf)

NDFD gridded binary version two (GRIB2) files can be downloaded and displayed by the user with software available for download at the following URL:

<https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/mdl/degrib>

Policy questions related to WBGT can be directed to:

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