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From: Bruce Entwistle, Chief
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Subject: Soliciting Public Comments through May 30, 2023 on Proposed
Changes to Alaska Aviation Weather Unit (AAWU) Area Forecast (FA) Issuance
Times

The NWS is seeking comment on discontinuing the 815 pm local Alaska Standard Time (0415 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)) issuance of the Alaska Aviation Weather Unit Area Forecast. This change would result in a short period without an Area Forecast between the 1200 am (0800 UTC) and 415 am (1215 UTC) nightly. No changes are being proposed to the regular Area Forecast issuances at 415 am (1215 UTC) and 1215 pm (2015 UTC) at this time.

If implemented, forecast information available in the Area Forecast would continue to be available through the following NWS Aviation forecast products:

- Alaska Aviation Weather Unit Airmen's Meteorological Information (AIRMET) and Graphical forecasts products available at:

<https://www.weather.gov/aawu/>

- Graphical Forecasts for Aviation (GFA) available at:

<https://aviationweather.gov/gfa>

- Alaska Aviation Guidance (AAG) available for select airports at:

<https://www.weather.gov/arh/aag>

The NWS will evaluate all comments on the proposed changes to Alaska Aviation Weather Unit Area Forecasts and determine whether to proceed. A Service Change Notice will be sent 30 days prior to any change going into effect.

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