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Subject: Disestablishment of C-MAN Station MLRF1 - Molasses Reef, Florida:
Effective February 28, 2023

Effective 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) Tuesday, February 28, 2023, the National Weather Service (NWS) National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) Coastal Marine Automated Network (C-MAN) station at Molasses Reef, Florida (MLRF1), 25°0'42" North, 80°22'35" West, will be disestablished.

The extensive corrosion of the MLRF1 host structure noted in February 2018, prevented routine service, and the station ceased reporting data in April 2019. The NDBC has partnered with affected Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to seek out an alternate platform (structure) to house a smaller footprint weather observations package, with no resolution.

A 30-day public comment period is available until February 21, 2023, in accordance with NWS Instruction 1-1002, section 6.

For alternate weather information, please refer to the nearby NDBC station in the region at:

https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=lonf1

For updates on the NDBC MLRF1 station, please refer to the station webpage at:

https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=mlrf1

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