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From:         Bruce Entwistle  
              Chief, Aviation and Space Weather Services Branch

Subject: Discontinuation of NWS Honolulu's Route Forecast (ROFOR):  
Effective July 31, 2023

Effective July 31, 2023, the National Weather Service (NWS) will  
discontinue the route forecasts (ROFOR) for San Francisco, CA to Honolulu,  
HI and Santa Barbara, CA to Honolulu, HI (RFRKSF):

AWIPS Identifier	WMO Heading	Geographic Descriptor
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RFRKSF	FRPN31 PHFO	San Francisco to Honolulu Santa Barbara to Honolulu

The final RFRKSF will be issued on July 30, 2023.

NWS Honolulu, in its capacity as a meteorological watch office designated  
by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), issues ROFORs  
daily for routes from San Francisco to Honolulu and from Santa Barbara to  
Honolulu. The ROFOR product provides flight-level wind, temperature,  
clouds and weather forecast information.

The NWS Aviation Weather Center's (AWC's) Graphical Forecasts for Aviation  
(GFA) website provides equivalent flight path data to the current text-  
based ROFOR in a graphical format and higher resolution in space and time.  
Users will also be able to sample points along the route to obtain precise  
weather information at various levels of the atmosphere.

The AWC Graphical Forecasts for Aviation are available at:

<http://aviationweather.gov/gfa>

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