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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Potential Decommissioning of the User-Defined Area Forecast Service and Webpage through July 30, 2023

The NWS is soliciting comments on the potential decommissioning of the User-Defined Area Forecast (UDAF) due to the need to consolidate applications as NWS makes upgrades to hardware and would like feedback on this proposal, and the current and past uses of UDAF through July 30, 2023.

The NWS is proposing to remove the UDAF Webpage. The NWS is collecting feedback on the UDAF web application that allows users to retrieve an NWS forecast for a specific geographic area on a map determined by the user and is available at: <https://www.nws.noaa.gov/wtf/udaf/area/>.

The UDAF allows an individual to define geographical boundaries in both area and elevation, and submit those values to retrieve a forecast directly from the digital forecast database populated by NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) responsible for that user-defined polygon domain. The UDAF outputs a plain language readout of daily averages across the designated area. Additionally, a table with maximum and minimum values is created, along with statistics about the size and elevation range of the selected area (up to 3000 square miles). Further information regarding the UDAF may be found in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/EXP_User_defined_Area_Fcst.pdf

Comments and feedback on the potential decommissioning of the UDAF may be provided to:

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