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Subject: Transition from Outside the Contiguous United States (OCONUS) Text Area Forecasts (FA) to the Graphical Forecasts for Aviation (GFA).

Purpose: This InFO provides information on changes to National Weather Service (NWS) FAs and details on how to access and use the GFA.

Background: In 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NWS successfully transitioned six (6) Contiguous United States (CONUS) FAs to GFAs. Following the initial success, the GFA became an operationally produced product for the Gulf of America and Caribbean in 2019 and further expanding to Hawaii and portions of the Pacific Ocean in 2020. With successful implementation of GFAs in the listed regions above, the FAA and NWS retired three (3) OCONUS FAs and transitioned to GFAs on January 27, 2025.

Note: Text FAs for Alaska will not be affected at this time.

Discussion: The FA is an abbreviated, plain-language forecast of specified weather phenomena, covering a geographical area designated by the FAA and produced by NWS. The FA is used by pilots and dispatchers to help determine en-route weather for aviation. The three (3) retired FAs are:

- FACA20 (OFAMKC) for Caribbean and Gulf of America;
- FAGX20 (OFAGX) for Gulf of America; and
- FAHW31 PHFO (FA0HI) for Hawaii.

The NWS Aviation Weather Center (AWC) provides equivalent or better information to the FA via their GFA web-page. The GFA web-page is intended to provide the necessary aviation weather information to give users a complete picture of the weather that may impact flight in the United States (including Hawaii), the Gulf of America, the Caribbean, and portions of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The GFA includes gridded displays of various weather parameters as well as NWS textual weather observations, forecasts, and warnings. Icing, turbulence, wind, and temperature gridded data are three-dimensional. The GFA was built with modern geospatial information tools, allowing users to pan and zoom and focus on areas of greatest interest. Aviation operators can access the GFA at <https://aviationweather.gov>.

Recommended Action: Directors of Operations, Dispatch and Operational Control Managerial Staff should ensure that the appropriate operator, pilot, and dispatch personnel are trained to access and use the GFA web-site. There are several useful tutorials on the AWC web-site to instruct users on how to navigate the site.

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