New SPOT Program

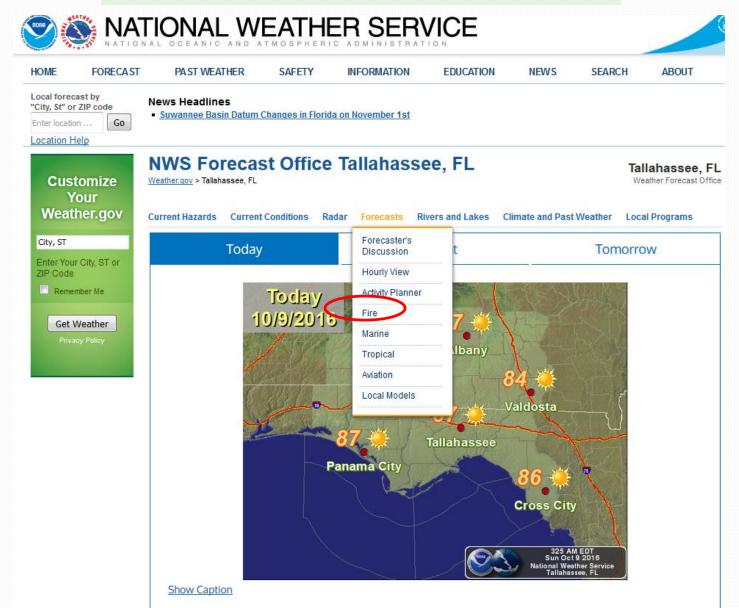
Customer Tutorial



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Live Demonstration

http://www.weather.gov/spot/



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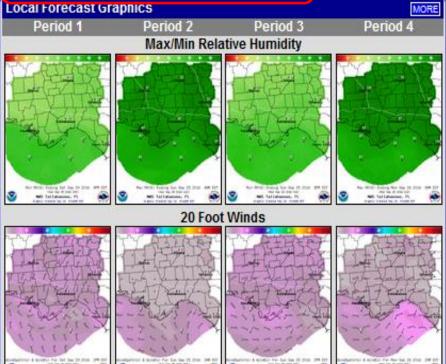
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From NWS Tallahassee Fire Weather Webpage, you can access the new SPOT here

Request or View a Spot Forecast

Official use only. Click here for instructions.

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Questions or comments about the NWS Tallahassee fire weather program? Email Tim Barry, fire weather focal point.

Local Fire Weather Products

Fire Weather Planning Forecast (FWF)

Red Flag Warning/Fire Weather Watch (RFW) (if any in effect)

Tri-State Red Flag Criteria (for FL, GA and AL)

Smoke Dispersion Forecast Update (SMF)

Fire Danger Rating Forecast (WIMS)

3-Hour Graphical Forecasts

Hourly Point Forecasts (tables & graphs available)

Other Fire Weather Links

SPC Fire Weather Outlook: Day 1 . Day 2 . Days 3-8

Fire Mapping: NESDIS . GeoMAC Wildfire Mapping . GeoData.gov

NESDIS Fire Detection Program

NESDIS Satellite Fire Monitoring

U.S. Forest Service MODIS Active Fire Maps

KBDI: FL, GA, AL, National

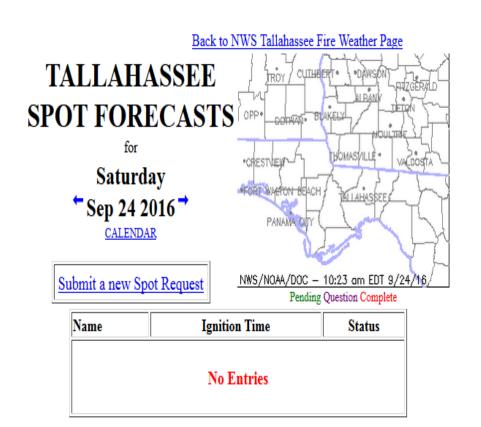
Florida Energy Release Component (ERC) (scroll down page)

GA 10-hr Fuel Moisture (observed OR forecast)

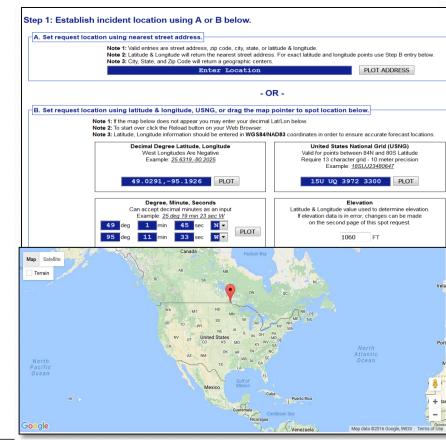
Fire Danger Rating Maps...

Front Page Changes

- Users now access ONE national page.
 - Eliminates need for 122+ start pages
 - Ensures correct office gets request
 - User can monitor areas covering multiple forecast areas



New Interface



Submit SPOT Request

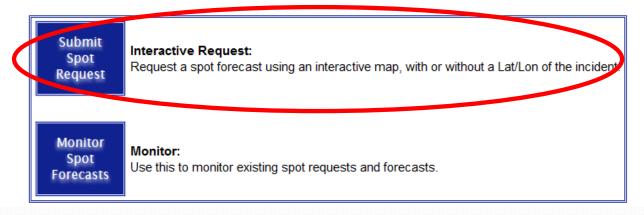
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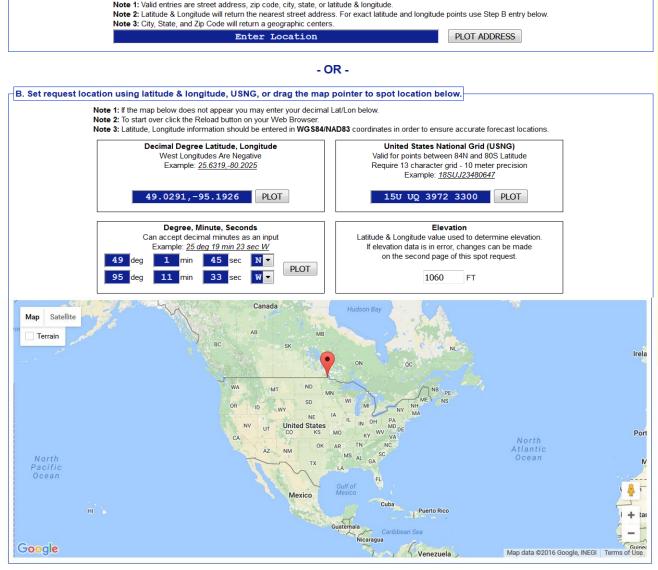
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Incident Location Interface

Step 1: Establish incident location using A or B below.

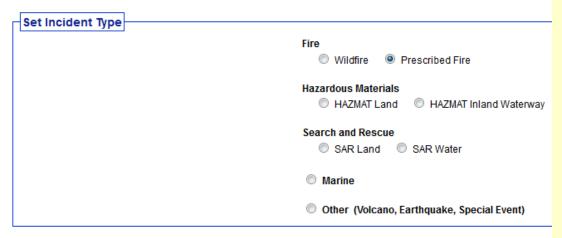
A. Set request location using nearest street address.



- Uses drag and drop marker to spot location, including zoom capability.
- Three geographic location boxes will prefill based on placement of marker:
 - Lat/Lon Decimal Degrees
 - Lat/Lon Deg/Min/Sec
 - U.S. National Grid
 Coordinates
- The user can also enter this information manually using format of choice.
 - Other two boxes will prefill, and map will zoom to help refine location if needed.

Incident Type Options

Step 2: Select the incident type for the request.



Step 3: Proceed to detailed incident request form.

After setting your location and incident type above, click 'Generate A Spot Request' button below to proceed to the SPOT request form

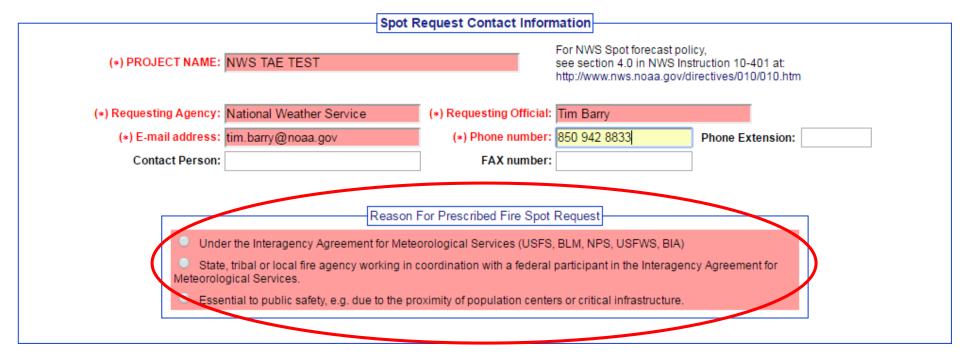
Generate A Spot Request

- New step is to select the incident type like "Wildfire" or "HA7MAT Land".
- Selection is important because it determines what weather elements will be offered to the customer on the next page of the request form.
- This is a major enhancement over the old page. For example, marine elements are not needed for wildfire requests.

Once Clicked, page 2 of the interface appears.

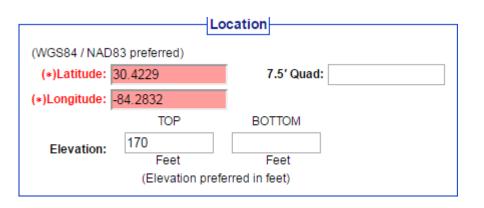
SPOT Forecast Contact Info.

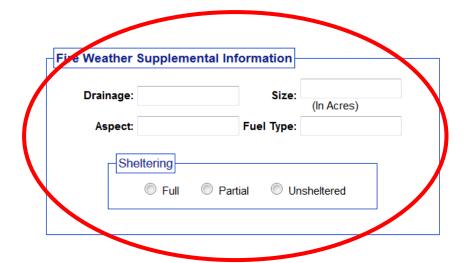
Spot Forecast Incident Type: Prescribed Fire



- Required fields are highlighted in red.
- Top section added a field for email address.
- The "Reason for Fire SPOT Request" section shown in the example will disappear for non-fire requests.

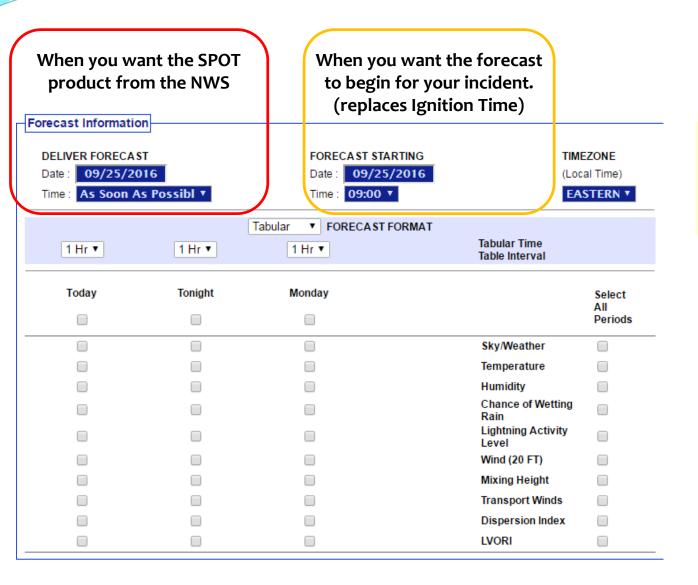
SPOT Location & Supplemental Info.





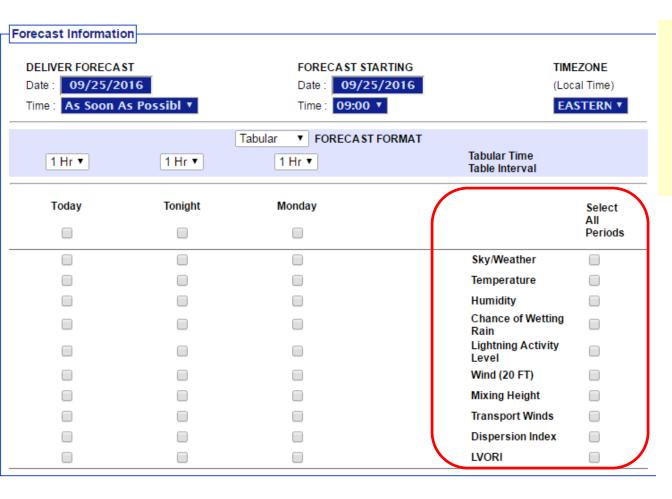
- Required fields are highlighted in red.
- Location & elevation are extracted from the first page.
- The "Supplemental Info" section shown in the example will disappear for non-fire requests.

SPOT Forecast Information



 "Forecast Starting" time can only be within 24 hours of "Deliver Forecast" time.

SPOT Forecast Information



- Each incident type has a required minimum set of forecast elements that must be offered.
- Additional elements may be offered by incident type.

Hysplit Feature

NOAA Hysplit Model

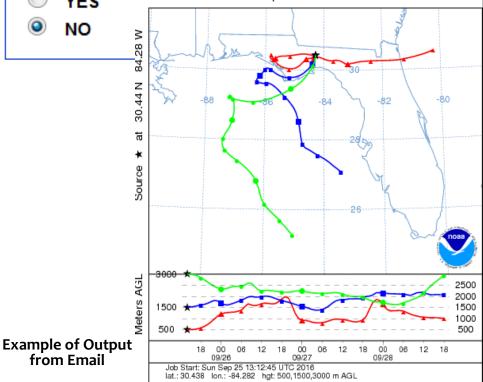
YES

NO

from Fmail

Would you like to include a run of the Hysplit Model with this request? If so please verify your email address above as this will be used to send you the hysplit model run.

NOAA HYSPLÍT MODEL Forward trajectories starting at 1400 UTC 25 Sep 16 06 UTC 25 Sep NAM Forecast Initialization



Trajectory Direction: Forward

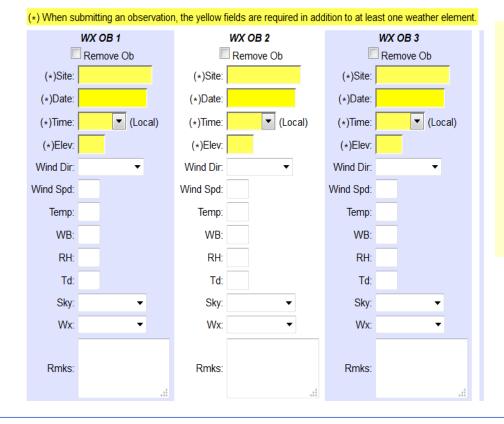
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Vertical Motion Calculation Method: Model Vertical Velocity

- There is a radio button on the Spot Request page to request a HYSPLIT Trajectory run.
- The HYSPLIT model will run per its current defaults in the current spot webpage.
- The output is emailed to the address input at the top of the request form.
- NOTE: There may be more options available to customize these runs in the future.
- Emailed product does not provide dispersion or concentration. Please contact your local NWS if you need this product.

Observation Input

Observations



- Observation entry is a bit more standardized with the use of dropdown menus.
- Pressing the submit button will send a STQ notification message to the WFO just like the old web page did

Submit Spot Request

Clicking the button below will create a one time spot request.

This request will be processed and a forecast will be generated by the servicing forecast office at the time they receive the spot request.

At any time until the expiration of this forecast, another immediate spot request may be generated off of the original request. Additionally, the immediate spot request can be converted into a scheduled request by contacting your servicing forecast office.



SPOT Request to the NWS

.DISCUSSION...

.TODAY...

PRECIPITATION IS NOT EXPECTED AT THE BURN SITE TODAY. IF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WERE TO DEVELOP...THE BETTER CHANCES WOULD BE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE BURN SITE...CLOSER TO THE COAST. WINDS WILL GENERALLY BE FROM THE NORTH TODAY. MINIMUM RH VALUES THIS AFTERNOON SHOULD BE IN THE MID 40 PERCENT RANGE.

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TIME (EDT)	9 AM	11 AM	1 PM	3 PM	5 PM	
SKY COVER		MCLEAR	PCLDY	PCLDY	PCLDY	
WEATHER COV						
WEATHER TYPE						
TEMP						
RH	.79	63	54	49	46	
20 FT WIND	.N 3	N 3	N 6	N 7	N 7	
20 FT WIND GUST						
MIX HGT (FT)	.1800	4600	6000	6800	7000	
TRANSPORT WIND.						
DISPERSION IDX.	. 8	42	52	64	49	
CWR						
.TONIGHT						
TIME (EDT)	6 PM	8 PM	10 PM	MIDNGT	2 AM	4 AM
SKY COVER	. PCLDY	PCLDY	PCLDY	PCLDY	MCLEAR	MCLEAR
WEATHER COV						
WEATHER TYPE	.NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
TEMP	.89	84	81	78	76	75
RH	.52	65	72	82	87	87
20 FT WIND	.N 6	N 5	SW 2	S 2	SE 2	NE 1
20 FT WIND GUST	.10		5	5	5	5
MIX HGT (FT)	.5500				400	400
TRANSPORT WIND.	.N 7	E 5	E 5	SE 3	E 2	E 2
DISPERSION IDX.	.40	2	2	1	1	1
CWR	.10	10	10	10	0	0
.SATURDAY						
TIME (EDT)	6 AM	8 AM	10 AM	NOON	2 PM	4 PM
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Monitor SPOT Request

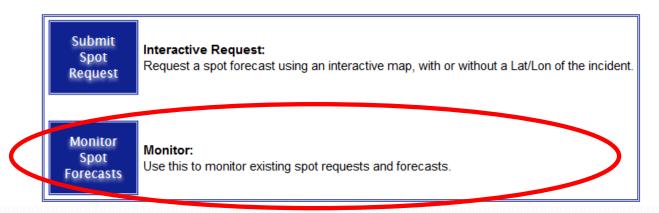
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SPOT Monitor Interface

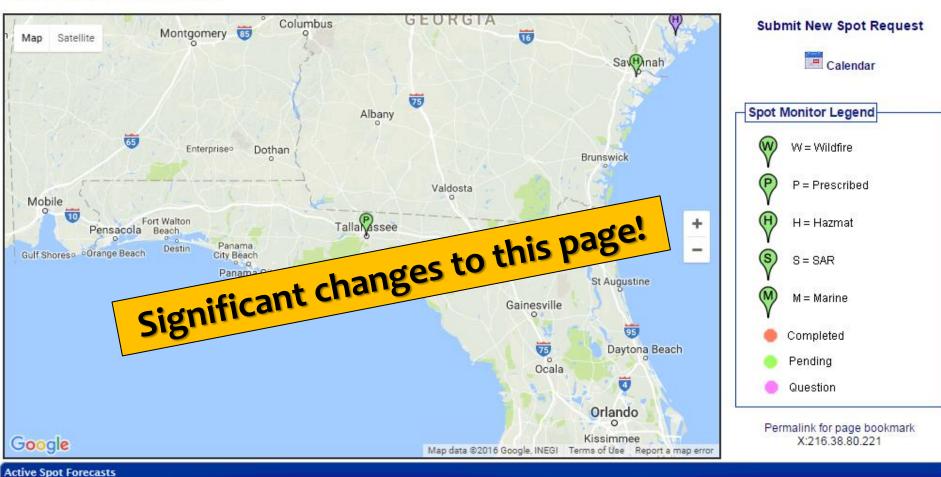
NWS Spot Forecast Monitor

Name

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Request pending

Request pending

Status

Request pending: Question asked

WFO

TAE

CHS

CHS

Actions

Change Request | Submit Obs

Submit Obs

Submit Obs

Type/Start Time

2016-09-25 10:00 AM EDT

Prescribed

HAZMAT

HAZMAT

New vs. Old Monitor Interfaces

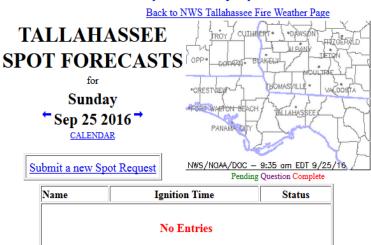
Old Monitoring Interface

New Monitoring Interface

New Spot Request Form Operational on October 17, 2016

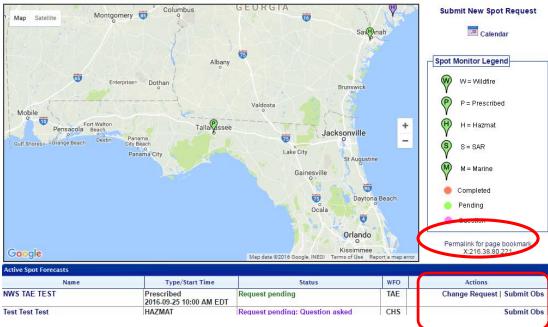
This page will be replaced on October 17, 2016 by a new and improved version of this page

available at http://www.weather.gov/spot/.



 Multiple requests for the same incident clutter up the display with multiple lines.

NWS Spot Forecast Monitor



- One line per incident. Only the latest forecast available.
- All incidents on one page.
- Map uses Google API → can zoom in and out/shift map.
- Set your monitoring area by zooming/panning.
- Bookmark this link to monitor your selected area.
- Requests can be corrected via "Change Request."
- "Submit Obs" feature added
- When an incident is finished, it is closed by the forecast office.
- Data moved into archive.

Submit Observations

Submit an Observation for incident: NWS JAX TEST

			Observ						
Site No observations available	Date	Wind	Temp	Sky	Wx	Vsby	Sig Wave		Rmks
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Submit Observation

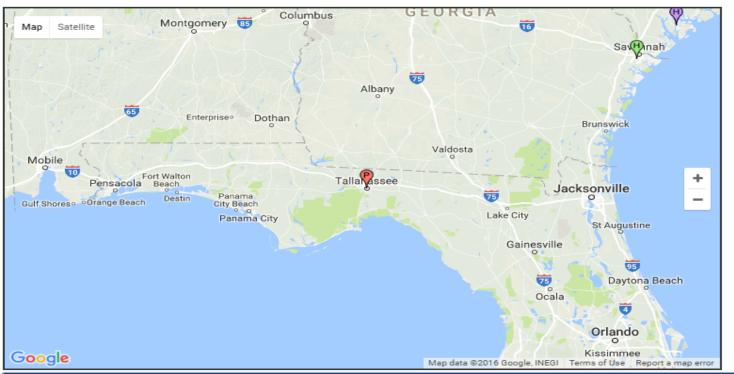
Add Another Observation

 This allows customers to enter observations for an incident without having to submit a new request.

- All observations for the incident will be databased and available to the forecaster.
- Forecasters will not need to look at multiple requests to analyze observations.

Access your SPOT

NWS Spot Forecast Monitor



Submit New Spot Request

Calendar

Spot Monitor Legend



W = Wildfire



P = Prescribed



H = Hazmat



S = SAR



M = Marine





Pending



Question

Permalink for page bookmark X:216.38.80.221

Active Spot Forecasts										
Name	Type/Start Time	Status	WFO	Actions						
	Prescribed 2016-09-25 10:00 AM EDT	Completed: 2016-09-25 9:22 AM EDT	TAE	Submit Obs						
Test Test Test	HAZMAT	Request pending: Question asked	CHS	Submit Obs						
TEST TEST TEST	HAZMAT	Request pending	CHS	Submit Obs						

Click to access

Access your SPOT

- No significant changes to resultant forecast product format.
- If observations are taken on incident (encouraged), they will appear here.

NWS TAE TEST

Prescribed Fire

Forecast Start Time:2016-09-25 10:00 AM EDT

Request Time: 2016-09-25 9:12 AM EDT Forecast Complete At: 2016-09-25 9:22 AM EDT

Bainbridge
Cairo® Thomasville
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Tallahassee

Apalachicola
National Forest

Wakulla
Springs
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Location Legal: Lat/Lon: 30.438 / -84.282 Quad: Calculated: 30.438 / -84.282 Requested By: National Weather Service Contact: Tim Barry

Phone: 850 942 8833



Elevation: 205 Drainage: Aspect: Size: Fuel Type:

Observations
Site Date Elev Wind Temp WB RH Td Sky Wx Rmks

No observations available

CWR.....30

FORECAST IS BASED ON IGNITION TIME OF 1000 EDT ON SEPTEMBER 25.

IF CONDITIONS BECOME UNREPRESENTATIVE...CONTACT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AT (850)942-8833.

.DISCUSSION...

THIS IS A TEST...TEST...TEST...TEST...TEST...TEST...THIS IS A TEST
.TODAY...

TIME (EDT) 10 AM NOON 2 PM 4 PM

SKY COVER.....PCLDY PCLDY MCLDY MCLDY WEATHER COV.... CHANCE CHANCE WEATHER TYPE....NONE NONE RNSHWR RNSHWR TEMP.....81 86 89 89 54 56 RH.....74 63 20 FT WIND....E 3 E 6 E 3 20 FT WIND GUST.5 10 TRANSPORT WIND..NE 5 NE 5 E 3 E 3 5900 MIX HGT (FT)....2900 5000 6500 TRANSPORT WIND..NE 5 NE 5 F 3 E 3 DISPERSION IDX..16 28 27 25 CWR.....10 30

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WEATHER TYPENONE		RNSHWR		RNSHWR		RNSHWR		RNSHWR		RNSHWR		
TEMP	.74	74		80		84		88		88		
RH	.93	93		79		67		57		55		
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20 FT WIND GUST	. 5	5				10		10)	10)	
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Future SPOT Requests

THIS IS A TEST.

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FORECASTER...ENYEDI
REQUESTED BY...A. ENYEDI
TYPE OF REQUEST...PRESCRIBED
.TAG 1600259.0/JAX

Please Provide Feedback:

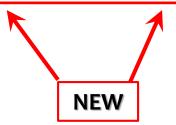
- Scroll down to the bottom of your SPOT Forecast.
- There are 3 options you can select to help expedite a new SPOT request.
- There are 2 new features:
- Copy Info to New Spot Request for this Incident
- 2. Request Immediate Forecast Update.

Send Feedback

Printer Friendly Version of Forecast

Copy Info to Spot Request for a New Incident
Copy Info to New Spot Request for this Incident

Request Immediate Forecast Update



Request Immediate Forecast Update

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Request Immediate Forecast Update

Request Immediate Forecast Update

- If the forecast is not representative of current conditions, click this link to get an immediate updated forecast.
- The customer, not the NWS forecaster, will be allowed to edit the information related to the request.
- There will be opportunity to enter in new observations.
- If the customer realizes that the forecast is off, then it would be nice to submit an observation that would help the NWS create a new forecast.

Copy Info to New SPOT

Send Feedback

Printer Friendly Version of Forecast

Copy Info to Spot Request for a New Incident

Copy Info to New Spot Request for this Incident

Request Immediate Forecast Update

Copy Info to SPOT for New Incident

 Use this link to retain all contact information for a specific incident type, but request a spot for a new and separate incident.

Copy Info to NEW SPOT for this Incident

- Use this link to get another forecast for the same incident (cannot change lat/lon).
- Unlike "Request Immediate Forecast Update", the customer will get Page 2 of the request process. Weather elements can be adjusted and the forecast delivery date/time can be changed, etc.
- This allows customers to easily schedule the next needed forecast for an incident without having to re-enter most of the information.
- Allows new observations submitted to remain with the request.

Summary

- Bookmark the new page, and start using: http://www.weather.gov/spot/
- New features on the SPOT website, but forecast product remains the same.
- Go-to operational date of the new SPOT site will be on Oct. 17th this year.
- Questions/Comments?



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