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Subject: Updated: Soliciting Feedback through July 28, 2025 on consolidating NWS Dissemination Applications, including the WMO Regional Association IV GTS Internet File Service (RA-IV GIFS) Website.

Updated to extend the comment period through July 28, 2025.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is modernizing its dissemination services, including updating and consolidating disparate dissemination applications into more modern, scalable and useful services. As part of this process, the NWS is soliciting comments through July 28, 2025 on the potential retirement of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Association IV Global Telecommunication System (GTS) Internet File Service (RA-IV GIFS). The NWS would provide all the data available in RA-IV GIFS via other alternative operational platforms, and allow users a transition overlap period.

The URL for the RA-IV GIFS webpage is:
<https://ra4-gifs.weather.gov/>

Alternatives for the RA-IV GIFS Website include:

1) Global WMO Information System 2.0 (WIS2): The US WIS2 node is operational and will feature a Publish-Subscribe (PubSub) service in the future. A public notification with more details on the US WIS2 node was sent out, see PNS25-29: Soliciting Feedback on the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Information System (WIS2.0) WIS2 Node API and Service through June 6, 2025 at:
https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf/2025/pns25-29_wis_2.0.pdf

The US WIS2 node Application Programming Interface (API) listed in that notification will also be able to support data downloads as well. For more information visit the following non-NOAA World Meteorological Organization (WMO) site on the global WIS2 system:
<https://community.wmo.int/en/activity-areas/wis/WIS2-overview>

2) NWS Weather.gov API: <https://api.weather.gov> Documentation:
<https://www.weather.gov/documentation/services-web-api>

3) NWS Telecommunications Gateway Website:

<https://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov>

Feedback on the potential retirement of RA-IV GIFS can be provided via email to the following address:

nws.webfeedback@noaa.gov

Users may also complete the feedback form available at the following address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/termRAIV-GIFSWebsite>

National Public Information Statements are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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