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SUBJECT:      Termination of ASOS operations on Annette Island, Alaska  
              (PANT), on or after October 1, 2019

Effective on or after October 1, 2019, NWS will terminate all operations and maintenance of the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) system on Annette Island, AK.

In April 2019, the NOAA Chief Financial Officer notified Congress of NOAA's intention to close and dispose of the Annette Island ASOS system.

In 2017, the Annette Island ASOS system was identified by the NWS as no longer required because the Annette Island Airport was no longer operational. There are no requirements from general aviation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or the NWS to continue ASOS operations from this site. In addition, the real property owners have requested the ASOS equipment be removed from their site.

The following surface observation products from Annette Island ASOS (PANT) will be discontinued on or after October 1, 2019:

METAR MESSAGES:   PANT SAUS80 KWBC  
SPECI MESSAGES:   PANT SPUS80 KWBC  
ASOS DAILY SUMMARY:   PANT CDUS27 KZAN  
ASOS MONTHLY SUMMARY MESSAGE:   PANT CSUS27 KZAN  
ASOS SHEF HOURLY ROUTINE MESSAGE:   PANT SRUS27 KZAN  
ASOS SHEF PRECIPITATION CRITERIA MESSAGE:   PANT SRUS27 KZAN

The FAA operates an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS-IIIP) at the Metlakatla Seaplane Base on Annette Island, some 6.2 miles north of the ASOS to be terminated. The AWOS-IIIP at Metlakatla (PAMM) provides automated once per minute observations and is accessible via phone: 907-886-7989. The AWOS-IIIP also generates an hourly METAR product.

The WMO headings for METAR and SPECI products from Metlakatla (PAMM) are:

METAR MESSAGES:   PAMM SAUS70 KWBC

SPECI MESSAGES: PAMM SPUS70 KWBC

The SHEF and Daily and Monthly Summary products are not generated by AWOS systems.

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