

Bottom Line Up Front: The National Weather Service (NWS) multi-sensor hourly precipitation estimates that are quality controlled by the NWS River Forecast Centers (RFC) will NOT be discontinued, but transitioned to a nationally supported solution covering dissemination and archival.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful comments in response to the discontinuation of the NWS RFC generated hourly precipitation estimates, both the web display and the supporting data service. This feedback was instrumental in solidifying NWS commitment toward transitioning this service to a nationally supported solution. This solution will ultimately cover the full spectrum of real-time data service, web display, and archive retrieval, however, complete transition and functionality of this national solution will take time to become fully serviceable.

The following describes the transition and access to key components of service during the transition. The goal is to avoid any disruption or gap in service.

Public web display: The legacy Ridge2 web display will be replaced temporarily by the [NWS Enhanced Data Display viewer \(EDD\)](#). The legacy link will be redirected to EDD on Dec. 5th. *See screenshot image attached for reference to quick access.* Eventually, the NWS AHPS pages will support this public web display function.
New link: <https://go.usa.gov/xn9Tf>

Data service: The [legacy Ridge2 data services](#) will continue until transitioned to NWS Integrated Dissemination Program ([IDP](#)) [GIS Services](#). No disruption with current service is anticipated until transition is complete, however the new data service location will require updating for all applications now accessing it. This new link will be provided once complete.

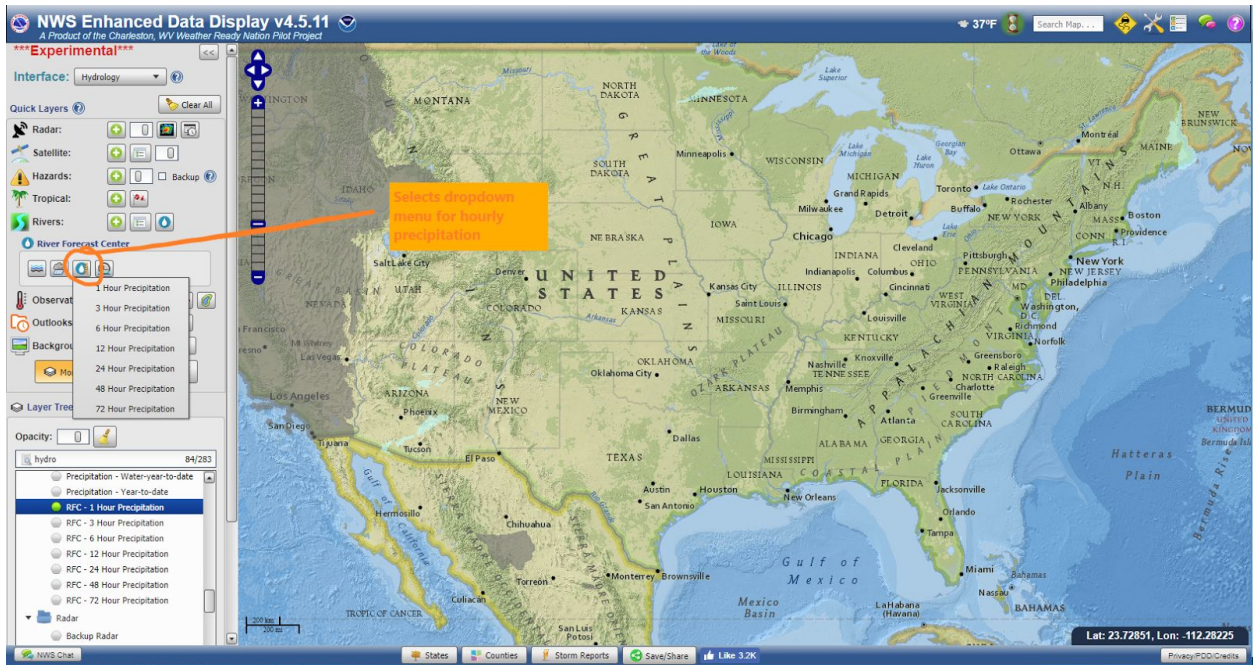
Archive: The [past 14 days](#) can be obtained via NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction ([NCEP](#)) website in grib format that is readable with common GIS software for post-processing and analysis.

Earlier data [from 2002 to present](#) can be obtained via the NCAR/UCAR Earth Observatory Laboratory website in grib format. For other historical periods, contact the [River Forecast Center](#) responsible for that respective area. There is an ongoing effort to move the archives into NOAA's [National Centers for Environmental Information \(NCEI\)](#) which is responsible for preserving, monitoring, assessing, and providing public access to the Nation's treasure of climate and historical weather data and information.

If you have additional comments or questions left unanswered, please contact:
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Help Reference:



Screenshot of EDD illustrating access to the RFC hourly precipitation data layers.