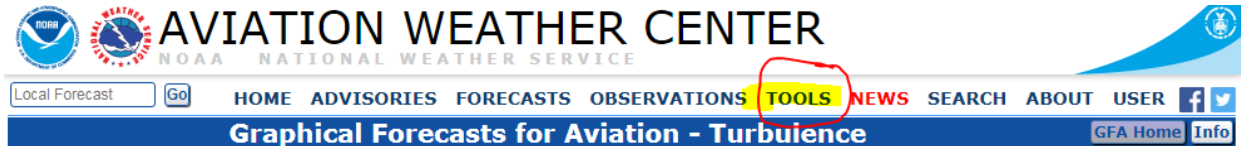


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Herrmann Flying Services "AWC Briefing Guide"

Open AWC website <https://www.aviationweather.gov/>

For this tutorial, planning a flight from KBVO to KSHV

- I. First, click **TOOLS** at top of page. Select **GFA TOOL** from the pulldown menu

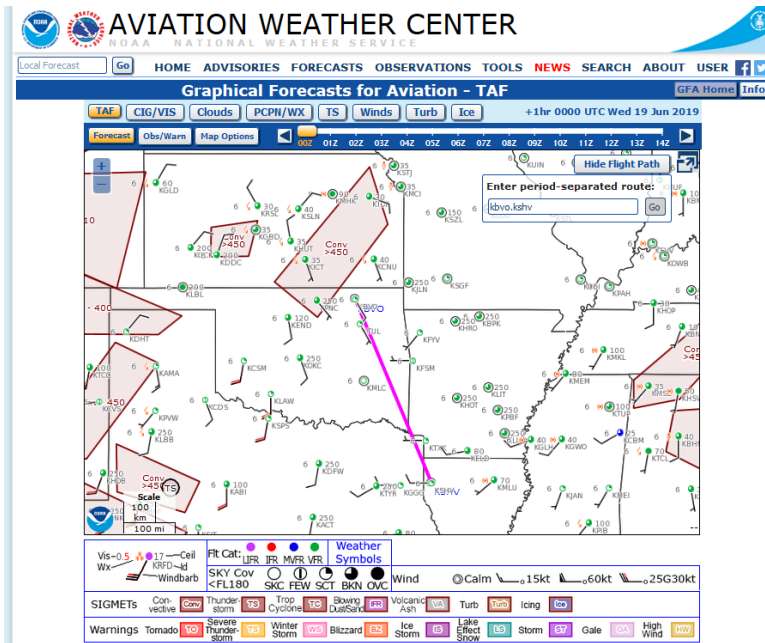


Zoom in by clicking map or using the + - buttons in the upper left of map.

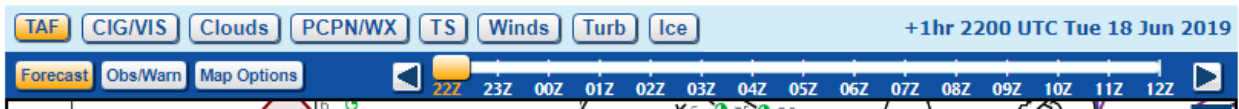
On the right side, click on **Show Flight Path**. Put a dot . between route waypoints



- II. **TAF** button on left selected. The **GFA Tool**, with map zoomed in and **Flight Path** superimposed will look like this



- III. Click on each of the buttons at top for various views/ forecast info. Allow time for data to populate following each button click



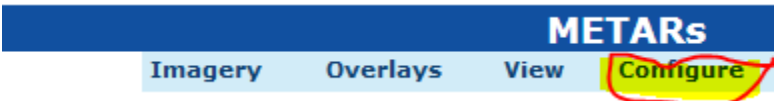
Review each of the options available: TAF CIG/VIS Clouds...

Move the time slider to see WX conditions at later times. (Remember to convert Zulu to local time)

- IV. Now that you have reviewed the Forecasts, time to examine the current **OBSERVATIONS**



NOTE: When viewing **METARS**, there is a Pull down menu under **CONFIGURE**. Select "Decode METARS"



- V. Finally, visit <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/> to learn NOTAMS that affect your planned flight- including alternate destinations.

- VI. Also read/ download...

https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/notam/media/Pilots_NOTAM%20primer%20for%202021.pdf

...for an excellent NOTAM primer

And of course, you can always call **800-WX BRIEF** to speak with a live briefer.

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