Noah HRLDAS model namelist description (namelist.hrldas) for use with WRF-Hydro V5

Below is an annotated namelist.hrldas file for running with the Noah land surface model. Notes and descriptions are indicated with <<-- and blue text.

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HRLDAS CONSTANTS FILE = "./DOMAIN/wrfinput d01" <--- Path to wrfinput file containing initialization
data for the LSM. This is required even for a warm start where a restart file is provided.
INDIR = "./FORCING" <<-- Path to atmospheric forcing data directory.
OUTDIR = "./" <--- Generally leave this as-is (output goes to base run directory); redirected output only
applies to LSM output files and can cause issues when running coupled to WRF-Hydro.
START YEAR = 2013 <--- Simulation start year
START MONTH = 09 <<-- Simulation start month
START DAY = 01 <--- Simulation start day
START HOUR = 00 <<-- Simulation start hour
START MIN = 00 <--- Simulation start min
RESTART FILENAME REQUESTED = "RESTART.2013090100 DOMAIN1" <--- Path to LSM restart file if
using; this contains a "warm" model state from a previous model run. Comment if not a restart simulation.
! Specification of simulation length in days OR hours
KDAY = 1440 <<-- Number of days for simulation; can specify this OR KHOUR.
!KHOUR = 1 <<-- Number of hours for simulation; can specify this OR KDAY.
! Timesteps in units of seconds
FORCING TIMESTEP = 3600 <<-- Timestep for forcing input data (in seconds)
NOAH TIMESTEP = 3600 <<-- Timestep the LSM to cycle (in seconds)
OUTPUT TIMESTEP = 86400 <<-- Timestep for LSM outputs, LDASOUT (in seconds)
! Land surface model restart file write frequency
RESTART FREQUENCY HOURS = 6 <--- Timestep for LSM restart files to be generated (in hours). A value of
-99999 will simply output restarts on the start of each month, useful for longer model runs. Restart files are
generally quite large, so be cognizant of storage space and runtime impacts when specifying.
! Split output after split output count output times.
SPLIT OUTPUT COUNT = 1 <--- Number of timesteps to put in a single output file. This option must be 1 for
NWM output configurations.
! Soil layer specification
NSOIL=4 <--- Number of soil layers
soil thick input(1) = 0.10 <<-- Thickness of top soil layer (m)</pre>
soil thick input(2) = 0.30 <<-- Thickness of second soil layer (m)</pre>
soil thick input(3) = 0.60 <<-- Thickness of third soil layer (m)</pre>
soil thick input(4) = 1.00 <<-- Thickness of bottom soil layer (m)</pre>
! Forcing data measurement heights
ZLVL = 10.0 <<-- Height of input temperature and humidity measurement/estimate
ZLVL WIND = 10.0 <<-- Height of input wind speed measurement/estimate
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IZOTLND = 0 <<-- Switch to control land thermal roughness length. Option 0 is the default, non-vegetation
dependent value and option 1 introduces a vegetation dependence.
SFCDIF_OPTION = 0 <<-- Option to use the newer, option 1, or older, option 0, SFCDIF routine. The default
value is 0.
UPDATE_SNOW_FROM_FORCING = .FALSE. <<-- Option to activate or deactivate updating the snowcover
fields from available analyses. The default option is true.

!------ Section: Select atmospheric forcing input file format, FORC_TYP ------ !
! Specification of forcing data: 1=HRLDAS-hr format,
! 2=HRLDAS-min format, 3=WRF, 4=Idealized, 5=Ideal w/ Spec.Precip.,
! 6=HRLDAS-hrl y fomat w/ Spec. Precip, 7=WRF w/ Spec. Precip
FORC_TYP = 3
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