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Subject: Soliciting comments through June 30, 2019, on the use of  
Impact-Based Warning format for Flash Flood Warnings

The NWS is collecting comments through June 30, 2019, on a proposed reformatting of Flash Flood Warnings (FFW) into Impact-Based Warning (IBW) format. This consistent bulleted format will provide easily readable information describing the hazard (Flash Flood), the source of the information (e.g., radar, gauge, trained spotter, emergency manager), and a brief description of the impact of the hazard. The IBW format will also include machine-readable tags to characterize the flash flood damage threat, source information, and causative event.

Characterization of the flash flood damage threat will allow NWS to issue Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) for those warnings with "Considerable" or "Catastrophic" tags and also include flash flood source and the cause for flash flooding.

The characterization of the flash flood damage threat, source information, and causative event, along with examples of the proposed reformatting of Flash Flood Warnings (FFW) into Impact-Based Warning (IBW) format, are contained in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD\\_IBWforFlashFloods\\_2019.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_IBWforFlashFloods_2019.pdf)

Please send feedback/comments on this proposed reformatting of flash flood warnings by June 30, 2019.

Based on feedback received, NWS may implement some or all of the proposals in 2019.

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