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Subject: Soliciting Comments through October 30, 2020, on Proposal to Change High Surf Advisory to a Plain-Language Statement

The NWS is soliciting specific feedback on the proposal to change the High Surf Advisory to a plain-language statement.

The NWS is considering a major change to the Watch, Warning, and Advisory (WWA) system. For information on this and other proposed changes see: [https://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/](https://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/)

The proposed new system would remove the terms "Advisory," "Special Weather Statement," and "NOWcast" as headlines, and streamline all sub-Watch and sub-Warning information into a single, plain-language statement.

Under the proposal, Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) would still be available in the message for partners to parse out information. The VTEC would change from SU.Y to SU.S.

Additionally, NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) would add a more generic headline that succinctly describes the high surf conditions.

A description and example of the proposed changes can be found at:
Please provide feedback on this proposal by taking the following short survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/highsurf

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