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Subject: NWS to hold Hazard Simplification Workshop
October 27-29, 2015, to discuss possible changes
to NWS Watch, Warning and Advisory System

The NWS Analyze, Forecast and Support Office (AFSO) will host a Hazard Simplification (Haz Simp) workshop in Kansas City, MO, October 27-29, 2015. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss possible changes to the NWS Watch, Warning and Advisory (WWA) system. Workshop discussions will be based on the results of case study surveys provided to NWS staff, the media/broadcast community, emergency managers and other NWS partners during the spring and summer of 2015. The survey results will provide insight into strengths and weaknesses of the WWA system, along with possible opportunities for system improvement.

NWS is targeting this workshop to NWS staff, emergency managers, members of America's Weather and Climate Industry, and social and behavioral scientists. NWS encourages interested partners to take part in this vital discussion.

Space is limited and participants will be selected on a first-come first-served basis. Participants who register will receive an initial tentative confirmation email. A member of the Haz Simp team will confirm the registration shortly thereafter. To sign up for the workshop, please see the link below:

<https://ocwws.weather.gov/meetings/login.php?id=110>

As a result of this and other interactions with NWS stakeholders, any proposed changes to the NWS WWA system will be made available for public comment/review prior to a final decision on operational implementation.

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