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Subject: Soliciting Comments through August 31, 2015, on Change to
 P-VTEC Line(s) and Associated Headline(s) when Upgrading from
 Winter Storm Warning or Lake Effect Snow Warning to Ice Storm
 and Blizzard Warning

NWS is accepting comments on changing some of the P-VTEC line(s) and
headlines in the Winter Weather Watches, Warnings and Advisories product
(WSW). The proposed change is summarized below:

When a Winter Storm Warning or Lake Effect Snow Warning is upgraded to an
Ice Storm or Blizzard Warning for the same geographical area, the WSW
segment will now contain only one headline and two P-VTEC lines. The
headline will list the new warning only. The first P-VTEC line will use
the UPG action code to show the old Winter Storm or Lake Effect Snow
Warning being upgraded. The second P-VTEC line will use the NEW action
code to start the new Ice Storm or Blizzard Warning.

This proposed change is expected to more accurately reflect and more
effectively relay automated communication of winter weather warning
information.

For example, under current policy, the following P-VTEC lines and
headlines are disseminated when a Winter Storm Warning is changed to an
Ice Storm Warning for the same geographical area:

/O.CAN.KOUN.WS.W.0005.000000T0000Z-010129T0000Z/ (P-VTEC line 1)
/O.NEW.KOUN.IS.W.0005.010128T1030Z-010129T0000Z/ (P-VTEC line 2)

...Winter Storm Warning is Cancelled...
...Ice Storm Warning in Effect Until 6pm CST Sunday...

Under the proposed change, the following P-VTEC lines and headline will be
disseminated when a Winter Storm Warning is upgraded to an Ice Storm
Warning for the same geographical area:

/O.UPG.KOUN.WS.W.0005.000000T0000Z-010129T0000Z/ (P-VTEC line 1)
/O.NEW.KOUN.IS.W.0005.010128T1030Z-010129T0000Z/ (P-VTEC line 2)

...Ice Storm Warning in Effect Until 6pm CST Sunday...

The example shown above would be identical when upgrading from a Winter Storm Warning to a Blizzard Warning and when upgrading from a Lake Effect Snow Warning to an Ice Storm or Blizzard Warning. No other changes are being proposed to the WSW product at this time.

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