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Subject:     NWS Hazard Simplification (Haz Simp) Project:  
              Soliciting Public Comments through June 15, 2018  
              On Proposed Consolidation and Reformatting of NWS  
              Non-Precipitation Weather Hazard Products

NWS will be collecting comments through June 15, 2018, on a proposed consolidation (i.e., reduction in the number of) and reformatting of Watches, Warnings, Advisories (WWA) for non-precipitating hazards.

The survey proposes to solicit feedback on reformatting and consolidation of NWS non-precipitating Watch, Warning and Advisory (WWA) products as described below.

- Current advisories for Dense Smoke, Dense Fog, Ashfall, Freezing Fog, and Blowing Dust would be consolidated into a Visibility Advisory
- Current Extreme Cold Watch and Wind Chill Watch would be consolidated into a Cold Weather Watch
- Current Extreme Cold Warning and Wind Chill Warning would be consolidated into a Cold Weather Warning
- To enable consistency across cold weather products, the Wind Chill Advisory would be transitioned into a Cold Weather Advisory
- Current High Wind Watch and High Wind Warning would transition to a Wind Watch and Wind Warning
- Current Excessive Heat Watch and Excessive Heat Warning would transition to a Heat Watch and Heat Warning

In addition to the above consolidations, all current and proposed products would be reformatted into a "What," "Where," "When" and "Impacts" information format.

The survey for the proposed NPW product changes is available at the following link and will remain open through June 10, 2018:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HazSimpNPW>

Based on feedback received, NWS may implement some or all of the proposals. A Service Change Notice with a minimum of 75-day lead time would be issued in advance of any operational changes.

Additional information regarding the proposed product reformatting and consolidation may be found in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD\\_NPW\\_HazSimp.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_NPW_HazSimp.pdf)

Haz Simp Website:

<http://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/>

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