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Subject: Discontinuance of the Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO) on the  
weather.gov Homepage: Effective October 21, 2014

Effective Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 1400 Coordinated Universal Time  
(UTC), the NWS will stop displaying the HWO on the national hazard map  
shown on the NWS homepage:

<https://www.weather.gov/>

This change is intended to focus user attention on watches, warnings, and  
advisories in effect when the user views the map.

When an HWO is issued, it is indicated by a light tan color on the hazard  
map. This light tan color often occupies large areas of the map and can  
be a distraction from concurrent watch, warning, and/or advisory products  
also indicated on the map. The distraction aspect can be especially  
important during times when HWOs are issued only as a general outlook or  
when no hazardous weather is actually forecast.

The HWO will continue to be available on individual local Weather Forecast  
Office (WFO) Webpages. Clicking on the geographical location of interest  
from the hazard map will take the user to the desired WFO homepage.

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