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Subject: Discontinuance of the Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO)
on the weather.gov home web page 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 home page:

<http://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) web pages. Clicking on the geographical
location of interest from the hazard map will take the user to
the desired WFO home page.

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