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Subject:     Updated: Delayed Implementation of Impact Based  
              Warnings (IBW) at NWS Alaska Region Offices until  
              February 21, 2018

Updated to delay implementation of IBW at NWS Alaska Region  
offices until February 21, 2018

The NWS Alaska Region WFOs will transition to the IBW format  
effective February 21, 2018. The contiguous United States NWS  
WFOs, transitioned operationally to the IBW format on May 10,  
2017 and NWS Pacific Region Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) and  
Weather Service Office Pago Pago, American Samoa, transitioned  
on October 2, 2017.

The NWS had been experimenting with the IBW format from 2013 to  
2016 at a variety of WFOs and received positive feedback from  
the public, partners and social scientists. Severe Thunderstorm  
Warning (SVR), Tornado Warning (TOR), and Severe Weather  
Statement (SVS) products will be stratified into categories  
distinguishing extreme cases from base convective warnings.  
Additional enhanced wording will be included to convey  
information about associated impacts, specific hazards expected,  
and recommended actions, both within the bullet statements and  
as part of the tag line codes.

Additional information and product examples are online at:

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

A Product Description Document (PDD) outlining the products is  
online at:

[https://products.weather.gov/PDD/National\\_IBW\\_pdd\\_4\\_17.pdf](https://products.weather.gov/PDD/National_IBW_pdd_4_17.pdf)

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