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Subject: Change in format of Climate Prediction Center, Extended
 Range (6-10 day and 8-14 day) Outlooks Effective
 August 1, 2017

Currently, CPC colors areas where it favors above normal temperatures with colors ranging from orange to red and areas where it favors below normal temperatures with colors from light blue to dark blue. For precipitation, areas where above normal precipitation is favored appear in shades of green and below normal in brown. Areas where near normal temperatures or precipitation are forecast receive no shading and appear white.

CPC does not issue outlooks for Canada or Mexico; those areas also appear white. Areas with no shading have been confused for areas of near normal because both appear white in the images.

CPC has received feedback at conferences and through other media that some delineation is needed between areas forecast as near normal and areas for which it does issue a forecast. One suggestion was to shade near normal areas with grey. This change will occur on August 1, 2017.

Samples outlooks with near normal shaded grey and not shaded are online:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/experimental/ERF_GreyNormals/index.html

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