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SUBJECT: Four NWS WFOs will Stop Issuing Local Tropical Cyclone Forecast Products: Effective on or about June 1, 2018

Effective on or about June 1, 2018, four NWS Southern Region Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will no longer issue local tropical cyclone products:

WFO Midland (MAF)
WFO San Angelo (SJT)
WFO Norman (OUN)
WFO Tulsa (TSA)

Based on tropical cyclone climatological return periods and feedback from local emergency management, the WFOs listed above will no longer issue the WFO Tropical Cyclone Local Watch/Warning Product (TCV) and Hurricane Local Statement (HLS).

These offices will, instead, use the Non-Precipitation Warning (NPW) products when hurricane or tropical storm force winds from a tropical cyclone are expected to impact their area of responsibility.

Below is a listing of the tropical products these WFOs are discontinuing and their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Office (WMO) headings.
Below is a listing of tropical products being discontinued with AWIPS identifiers (PIL) and Valid Time Event Code (VTEC):

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Updated information on tropical cyclone product issuances will be online before June 1, 2018, in NWS Instruction (NWSI) 10-601:

https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006001curr.pdf

Additional information on Universal Geographic Code (UGC) and VTEC can be found in NWSI 10-1702 and NWSI 10-1703, respectively at:

https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/010.htm
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