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Subject: Removal of drought information from the U.S. Hazards Outlook starting with the July 25, 2018 release

Beginning with the July 12, 2018 release of the U.S. Hazards Outlook the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Climate Prediction Center (CPC) will cease to include the depiction of severe drought as a hazard condition in the 8-14 day portion of the U.S. Hazards outlook. The depiction of severe drought in the U.S. Hazards outlooks is based on the U.S. Drought Monitor; the conditions in the Drought Monitor can lag 7 days from the most current U.S. Hazards outlook. Furthermore, the Drought Monitor is updated before the valid period of the 8-14 day portion of the U.S. Hazards Outlook becomes valid.

The drought information also will cease to be included in the shapefiles produced by CPC and in the static images.

The depiction of severe drought remains available in the U.S. Drought Monitor, which is also available on the CPC homepage.

The U.S. Hazards products are available as:

Combined static image:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/hazards_d3_7_contours.png

8-14 Day Temperature related hazards
  WMO Heading: PTIY96 KWNC
  AWIPS ID: RBGTT8
Shapefile:

8-14 Day Soils related hazards
  WMO Heading: PYIY96 KWNC
  AWIPS ID: RBGTS8
Shapefile:
8-14 Day Precipitation related hazards

WMO Heading: PEIY96 KWNC
AWIPS ID: RBGTP8
Shapefile:
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/Prcp_D8-14.zip

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