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Subject: NWS Hazard Simplification (Haz Simp) project:
 Reinstatement of Lake Effect Snow Warning product and
 addition of "Impacts" bullet effective October 1, 2019

Effective Tuesday October 1, 2019, the NWS will reinstate the Lake Effect Snow Warning product. An "Impacts" bullet will also be added to all winter weather products as part of the Haz Simp reformatting effort.

During the 2017-2018 winter season, NWS consolidated Lake Effect Snow Warning into the Winter Storm Warning for all Weather Forecast Offices (WFO). The Service Change Notice (SCN) can be found here:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn17-77winter_hazsimpaab.pdf

In response to partner concerns and feedback following this change in some portions of the country, the Lake Effect Snow Warning will be reinstated as a separate product. Use of the reinstated product will be optional based on assessed user need and WFOs will still have the capability to issue Winter Storm Warnings for Lake Effect Snow.

The addition of an Impacts bullet within the marine, non-precipitation weather, and flooding product text has received positive public and partner feedback. This change is being implemented this year for the non-precipitation weather product suite; the SCN can be found here:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/scn19-54hazsimp_non-precipaaa.pdf

The addition of an Impacts bullet will be extended to the winter weather product suite on October 1st, 2019. It will be displayed below the "What," "Where," "When information with "Precautionary/Preparedness Actions" listed below the Impacts with the issuance of each product. An option to include "Additional Details" will be located below the Impacts and above

the Precautionary/Preparedness Actions that may appear on some products.

Additional information regarding the product reformatting is located in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:
https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_LakeEffectSnowWarning_andImpacts_Bullet_2019.pdf

Haz Simp Website:
<http://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/>

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