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

Updated to correct VTEC error in Product Description Document  
(PDD) below:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD\\_LakeEffectSnowWarning\\_andImpacts\\_Bullet\\_2019.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_LakeEffectSnowWarning_andImpacts_Bullet_2019.pdf)

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](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, Lake Effect Snow Warning will be reinstated as a separate product. Use of the reinstated product will be optional at Regional discretion. Even after reinstatement of Lake Effect Snow Warnings, WFOs will still be able to utilize Winter Storm Warnings with the lake effect component specified in the "What" section of the body text as they deem appropriate to meet partners' needs.

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](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](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_LakeEffectSnowWarning_andImpacts_Bullet_2019.pdf)

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

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