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Subject: Soliciting Comments through July 31, 2021 on Proposed New  
Headline Language to Replace Current "Advisories" and "Special Weather  
Statements"

As fully detailed in [Public Information Statement 21-12](#) dated March 4,  
2021, the National Weather Service (NWS) will be implementing changes to  
its hazard messaging headlines no earlier than calendar year 2024.

This change will result in the discontinuation of all "Advisory" headlines  
within what is currently the NWS Watch, Warning and Advisory system. Most  
of the current Advisory headlines will be replaced with plain language  
headlines that clearly articulate the nature of the hazard. Current  
"Special Weather Statements" (SPS) will also be discontinued in favor of  
plain language headlines.

NWS is now collecting public comment on options for the plain language  
that will replace the Advisory and SPS headlines. The survey is available  
at the following link and will remain open through July 31, 2021:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HazSimp21>

A slide set highlighting public and partner feedback supporting this  
decision and providing case examples demonstrating how the messages will  
change is at this link:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/haz\\_simp\\_slides.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/haz_simp_slides.pdf)

A set of frequently asked questions with responses as it relates to the  
planned changes is provided here:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/haz\\_simp\\_faq\\_sheet.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/haz_simp_faq_sheet.pdf)

Additional details on the change may be found on the "Revamp Progress" tab  
of the project website. Detailed reports on the numerous social science-  
based engagements may be found in the "Reference Materials" tab:

<https://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/>

Questions and comments can be directed to the NWS Hazard Simplification Team at:

[hazsimp@noaa.gov](mailto:hazsimp@noaa.gov)

National Public Information Statements are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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