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Subject: Spanish-Language Survey Now Available as NWS Solicits Comments through July 31, 2021 on Proposed New Headline Language to Replace Current "Advisories" and "Special Weather Statements"

To view this Public Information Statement in Spanish, see this link (Para acceder al Comunicado de Informacion Publica en espanol presione aqui):

[pns21-48 haz simp survey 2021 es glossary translations.pdf \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/pns21-48_haz_simp_survey_2021_es_glossary_translations.pdf)

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 links and will remain open through July 31, 2021. Both English and Spanish versions of the survey are now available:

English Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HazSimp21>
Spanish Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHazSimp21>

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 are in the "Reference Materials" tab:

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

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

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National Public Information Statements are online at:

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

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