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Subject: Soliciting Comments on the Consolidation of Hard Freeze and
Freeze headlines through December 18, 2021

The NWS is exploring potential changes to the way it displays and communicates frost and freeze events, and will be soliciting comments through December 18, 2021 on a proposal to consolidate Hard Freeze and Freeze headlines.

Currently, the NWS issues five headlines to alert the public and partners on these hazards: Frost Advisory, Freeze Watch, Freeze Warning, Hard Freeze Watch and Hard Freeze Warning. In this proposal, the Hard Freeze Watch and Hard Freeze Warning headlines would be removed, but enhanced language would be added to the Freeze Watch and Freeze Warning products when appropriate. Hard Freeze products are currently issued when minimum shelter temperature is forecast to be 28 degrees Fahrenheit or less during the locally defined growing season. As part of this proposal, specific wording will be added to the message text of the Freeze products when the aforementioned criteria is met.

Please use the survey link below to provide your feedback by December 18, 2021:

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

Based on feedback received, NWS may implement this proposal. A Service Change Notice with a minimum of 75-day lead-time would be issued in advance of any operational changes.

Additional information regarding the proposed change may be found in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_ProposedFrost_FreezeHeadlineConsolidation_2021.pdf

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