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Subject: Soliciting Comments through January 7, 2021, on the  
Discontinuance of Certain Short-fused NWS Warning Update  
Statements

The NWS is collecting comments through January 7, 2021, on the  
proposed discontinuation of separate statement products to  
update, expire, and cancel short-fused warnings. NWS will  
continue to use these statement products for other purposes.  
Instead of repeated products, NWS will issue follow-up  
information for these warnings using the same product as the  
initial warning.

Specifically, NWS proposes to discontinue the following products  
to streamline the warning update process:

Severe Weather Statement (SVS), which updates Tornado Warning  
(TOR), Severe Thunderstorm Warning (SVR), and Extreme Wind  
Warning (EWW)  
Flood Statement (FLS), which updates the Flood Warning (FLW)  
Flash Flood Statement (FFS), which updates the Flash Flood  
Warning (FFW)  
Marine Weather Statement (MWS), which updates the Special Marine  
Warning (SMW)

These warning update statements provide new information about the  
warning after the initial issuance. Updates to warnings include  
continuations of the threat in time and valid area,  
cancellations, and any other information that has changed since  
the warning was issued or was most recently updated. All warning  
follow-up information currently being sent via these update  
statements will instead be disseminated within the same product

type as the original warning (e.g., SVR instead of SVS).

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) that are activated for certain warning updates, such as the Tornado Warning when the "Catastrophic" damage threat tag is enabled, would continue to be activated for those updates. No changes to the name of the warning would occur in the WEA messages themselves.

This proposal is a component of the NWS Hazard Simplification (Haz Simp) project initiated to simplify and clarify the NWS Watch, Warning, and Advisory system. The goal of this proposed change is to provide a more streamlined process, more easily tracked events, and improved dissemination of warning update information.

Examples of this proposal are contained in the Product Description Document (PDD) here:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD\\_ProposedUpdatingShortFusedWarningswithWarnings\\_2020.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_ProposedUpdatingShortFusedWarningswithWarnings_2020.pdf)

Please provide comments on these proposed changes via an online survey form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/updatewarning>

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