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Subject: Updated: Soliciting Comments on the Experimental National
 Hydrologic Discussion through December 31, 2022

Updated to extend the comment period and to change the name of the product from National Hydrologic Outlook to National Hydrologic Discussion. The term "bankfull" will no longer be used, and "high water" will be used in its place.

The NWS Office of Water Prediction (OWP) is extending the comment period on the National Water Center's (NWC) Experimental National Hydrologic Discussion (NHD) through December 31, 2022.

This experimental product will include discussions on a variety of short and medium range (Days 1-10) observed and modeled hydrologic guidance from the National Water Center (NWC). This product is intended to become part of an operational product suite, which provides context to state-of-the-science forecast guidance and analyses, and inundation information. In addition, this product includes information that augments services provided at local, regional, and national levels for hydrologic events in the United States.

A description of the experimental product is available via the NHD Product Description Document (PDD) at:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_ExpNationalHydrologicDiscussion_2022.pdf

The following changes were made for this experimental version:

1. The name has been changed from "National Hydrologic Outlook (NHO)," to "National Hydrologic Discussion (NHD)."
2. The 10-Day Bankfull Arrival Time (BAT) graphic has been removed from this product.
3. The NHD will use regional descriptions as section headers
4. Terms used within the NHD will be linked to the NWS Glossary.
5. The term "bankfull" is being replaced with "high water."
6. Snowpack conditions will not be discussed, unless mentioned as snowmelt as a causative factor for flooding.

The experimental NHD is a text product that will be issued daily around 1530 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The product will be accessible online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/owp/operations>

The NWS is accepting comments through December 31, 2022. Please provide feedback via the NWS survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Exp_NatlHydrologicDiscussion_2022

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