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

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

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