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Subject: Soliciting Comments through May 19, 2020, on Potential Changes to Headlines Used in the El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Alert System

The NWS is collecting comments through May 19, 2020 on a proposed change to the ENSO Alert System headlines, which is part of the NWS Climate Prediction Center's (CPC's) El Niño/Southern Oscillation Diagnostic Discussion. The existing system can be found at:

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/

This proposal is part of the broader Hazard Simplification effort, in which NWS is exploring moving away from the term "Advisory" in favor of plain-language, descriptive headline language. The intent of this change is to provide easily understood information describing the status of El Niño or La Niña.

The proposed alert system would replace the use of "El Niño or La Niña Advisory" with "El Niño or La Niña in Effect" and "Final El Niño or La Niña Advisory" with "El Niño or La Niña Ended." The use of "El Niño or La Niña Watch" will remain the same.

Please see the NWS Product Description Document (PDD) for more details:

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

Please provide feedback at the link below:

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

Based on feedback received, NWS will decide whether to implement the new ENSO Alert System language.

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