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Subject: Discontinue Experimental Holdover Threat Index Product for the
Elko Weather Forecast Office: Effective July 13, 2017

The experimental holdover threat index will be discontinued after July 13, 2017. In the Great Basin, a threat to large fire spread occurs when relative humidity is low and strong winds develop a day or two after a lightning event. The experimental holdover threat index is a web graphic that displays the expected threat of holdover fires to grow and spread within specific fire weather forecast zones within the Weather Forecast Office Elko county warning area.

These events have been found to occur quite infrequently. Therefore, due to the infrequency of these events, it is not effective to maintain this product operationally.

You may view an example by visiting the website at:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lkn/hoti/hoti.php>

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