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Service Change Notice 17-77 Updated
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Subject: Updated: NWS Hazard Simplification Project: Lake Effect Snow
Warning Consolidation Expanded Nationwide: Effective October 15, 2018

Updated to expand the Lake Effect Snow Warning Consolidation into Winter
Storm Warning to all Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) effective October 15,
2018.

Effective October 15, 2018, NWS will expand the Lake Effect Snow Warning
Consolidation into Winter Storm Warning to all Weather Forecast Offices
(WFOs).

Last winter, the following selected sites in the NWS Central Region
combined the "Lake Effect Snow Warning" product into the "Winter Storm
Warning" product. These sites included the following WFOs: Duluth (DLH),
Marquette (MQT), Green Bay (GRB), Milwaukee (MKX), Chicago (LOT), Northern
Indiana (IWX), Grand Rapids (GRR), Gaylord (APX) and Detroit (DTX). The
"Lake Effect Snow Warning" product was not issued at these sites.
Instead, information regarding associated hazards and impacts was
contained in the "What" section of the message. The LE.W Valid Time Event
Code (VTEC) was discontinued during the demonstration at these sites.

These changes were described in the Service Change Notice sent September
7, 2017:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn17-77winter_haz_simp_aaa.pdf

Beginning October 15, 2018, and for the winter of 2018-2019, this change
will expand to the NWS Eastern Region and will generally affect the
following WFOs: Buffalo (BUF), Albany (ALY), Binghamton (BGM), Cleveland
(CLE), Pittsburgh (PBZ), State College (CTP) and Burlington (BTW).

All WFOs will now combine the "Lake Effect Snow Warning" product into the
"Winter Storm Warning" product. The "Lake Effect Snow Warning" product
will not be issued at any WFOs. Information regarding associated hazards
and impacts will be contained in the "What" section of the message. The
LE.W VTEC will be discontinued nationwide.

An example of this change and more information is contained in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

[https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD Winter Prod Consolidation Aug2018 Update.pdf](https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_Winter_Prod_Consolidation_Aug2018_Update.pdf)

For further information on the Hazard Simplification (Haz Simp) Project, you may access the Haz Simp Website at:

<http://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/>

For more information, please email: hazsimp@noaa.gov.

National Service Change Notices are online at:

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

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