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Subject: Upgrade to the Automated Flood Warning System (AFWS)
 Website on or after October 12, 2016

The AFWS website currently enables users east of the Mississippi River to view point precipitation as a percent of county-based flash flood guidance (FFG). The AFWS website, at

<http://water.weather.gov/afws>

color codes the precipitation as a percentage of FFG as follows:

- Less than 70% of FFG: green
- Greater than or equal to 70% but less than 90% of FFG: yellow
- Greater than or equal to 90% of FFG: red

Effective on or after Wednesday, October 12, 2016, AFWS website users will be able to view point precipitation as a percent of Gridded FFG. Gridded FFG provides analysis information at approximately a 4km x 4km scale, which is more consistent with flash floods. Transitioning from county-based FFG to gridded FFG provides more specific information at these precipitation points.

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