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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 (WFO) 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 (WFO).

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 Weather Forecast Offices: 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 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_hazsimpaaa.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 (BTV).

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

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

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

For more information, please email:

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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

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