



Hazard Simplification: *A Step Forward!*

What:

Hazard Simplification (HazSimp) is a term the National Weather Service uses to explain the simplification of current watch/warning/advisory products.

Where:

The first step to Hazard Simplification will be the consolidation of winter weather products. In addition, the products themselves will use a "What," "Where," "When," "Additional Details," and "Precautionary/Preparedness Actions" approach in the text where you can quickly find all you need to know about the threat.

When:

Winter weather product changes will roll out on **October 1st, 2017**. Changes to flooding products are expected to take effect by the Spring of 2018.

**Same info remains, it will just be in a simpler package
No impacts to service should be anticipated**

These Products...

Lake Effect Snow Watch
Blizzard Watch

Lake Effect Snow Advisory
Freezing Rain Advisory

Lake Effect Snow Warning
(selected sites)



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Winter Storm Watch

Winter Weather Advisory

Winter Storm Warning

Specifics now included in the "what" section of winter weather products

For more information, go to: weather.gov/hazardsimplification

National Weather Service Hazard Simplification