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Subject: Updated: Soliciting Comments on the Experimental Flood Hazard
Outlook (FHO) Product through June 30, 2025

Updated to extend the comment period.

The NWS is soliciting comments and feedback on the Experimental Flood Hazard Outlook (FHO) through June 30, 2025. The FHO is intended to provide a coordinated inland hydrologic flood graphic for use in regional and national Impact-based Decision Support Services (IDSS) briefings and support broad messaging of flood threat to NWS stakeholders and Federal water partners. These partners include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The intent of this product is to replace the current Significant River Flood Outlook product when the FHO becomes operational.

This experimental product combines a depiction of current flood conditions based on the latest river level observations with an assessment of flood risk leveraging various sources of NWS water resources forecast information. These sources of information include National Water Model guidance, official River Forecast Center (RFC) deterministic and probabilistic forecasts, and Weather Prediction Center (WPC) excessive rainfall outlooks.

This experimental product is issued twice daily, typically around 1200 UTC during Daylight Saving Time / 1300 UTC during Standard Time and typically around 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

The graphical depiction of the flood threat with key messages is made available as an interactive GIS service and a static graphic linked below the interactive map on the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS):

<https://water.noaa.gov>

More information about the Experimental FHO can be found in the Product Description Document linked below:

https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g_noa/nwspc/res2/0dbf2fbf479c1e90f6550c03e16d4333

Please provide feedback on the Experimental FHO as a replacement for the current Significant River Flood Outlook, at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExpFHO_2024-25

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