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Subject: Discontinuation of the Experimental Lake Effect Snow (LES) Warning Polygons from NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) Buffalo, NY, Binghamton, NY and Albany, NY on or about December 16, 2023

The NWS will be discontinuing the Experimental LES Warning Polygons from WFOs Buffalo, NY, Binghamton, NY and Albany, NY on or about December 16, 2023. This experiment added latitude/longitude coordinates to segments of the Winter Weather Message text products and provided increased specificity with polygons issued for sub-county areas.

The NWS continues to provide zone-based Lake Effect Snow Warnings at these WFOs, which can be found (when in effect) at:

https://www.weather.gov/buf/ https://www.weather.gov/bgm/ https://www.weather.gov/aly

The NWS is exploring the transition from zone-based long-fused hazard products to polygon-based long-fused hazard products. When this capability becomes fully realized, the NWS will re-evaluate the future of this service.

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