Subject: Soliciting Comments on a Format Change to the Rangeland Fire Danger Forecast Issued by WFO Corpus Christi through December 4, 2020

The NWS is accepting public comments until December 4, 2020, on a proposal to change from a narrative format to a sectioned format in the South Texas Rangeland Fire Danger forecast product (RFDCRP) issued by Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Corpus Christi, TX.

The information contained in the RFDCRP will not change. It will be reformatted to be easier to read and highlight specific weather elements contributing to elevated fire weather conditions.

Proposed Format for the RFDCRP:

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FNUS64 KCRP RFDCRP
TXZ245-247-345-347-447-130000-
FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CORPUS CHRISTI TX
506 AM CDT SUN APR 12 2020

...ELEVATED FIRE DANGER CONDITIONS THIS AFTERNOON ACROSS ARANSAS AND CALHOUN COUNTIES...

WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL BE FAVORABLE FOR WILDFIRE GROWTH.

TIMING: FROM 10 AM UNTIL 7 PM.
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RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 20 TO 30 PERCENT.

WIND: WESTERNLY AT 20 TO 30 MPH, WITH HIGHER GUSTS.

MAX TEMPERATURES: 95 TO 100 DEGREES.

FUELS: DRY.

THESE CONDITIONS WILL SUPPORT THE SPREAD OF WILDFIRES. OUTDOOR BURNING AND ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE OPEN SPARKS OR FLAMES ARE DISCOURAGED.

Current Format for the RFDCRP:

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DRIER AND NEAR BREEZY CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON BEHIND A FRONT THAT WILL MOVE THROUGH THE AREA THIS MORNING. RELATIVE HUMIDITY VALUES OF 20-30 PERCENT ARE EXPECTED OVER THIS REGION ALONG WITH GUSTY WEST WINDS. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN ELEVATED FIRE DANGER THREAT FOR THE AREA THIS AFTERNOON. WEST WINDS WILL DECREASE QUICKLY BY EARLY EVENING.

AFFECTED RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO EXERCISE CARE WITH RESPECT TO ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THAT COULD INADVERTENTLY CAUSE WILDFIRES. AVOID THE USE OF WELDING OR GRINDING EQUIPMENT NEAR GRASS AND DRY BRUSH. IN ADDITION... AVOID PARKING VEHICLES IN TALL... DRY GRASS AND WEEDS THAT COULD BE IGNITED. DO NOT TOS... CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE GROUND. REPORT WILDFIRES QUICKLY TO THE NEAREST FIRE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.

Product proposed to be reformatted:

PRODUCT NAME: Rangeland Fire OLD AWIPS ID: RFDCRP
OLD WMO Header: FNUS64 KCRP

If public feedback supports this change, a Service Change Notice will be sent before replacing the narrative RFDCRP product to the sectioned RFDCRP product.
Please submit comments regarding the proposal to:
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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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

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