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From:       Michelle Hawkins, Chief  
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Subject: Transfer of Responsibility of Fire Weather Forecast Zone 662  
from WFO Seattle, WA to WFO Spokane, WA: Effective March 3, 2020

On or about Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 1000 AM Pacific Standard Time (PST), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Seattle, WA, (SEW) will transfer responsibility of the fire weather zone 662 affecting the east part of the North Cascades National Park and the Lake Chelan National Recreational Area to the WFO Spokane, WA (OTX). After this change, the fire weather forecasts and related products for this area will be issued by OTX.

If March 3, 2020 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 10, 2020.

These changes are intended to simplify the forecast process, reducing redundancy in product creation and eliminate potential inconsistencies, improving the quality of the products and services provided.

The affected zone is as follows:

WFO SEW Fire Weather Forecast Zone:

Zone Code: Zone Name

WAZ662: East Portion of North Cascades National Park and the Lake Chelan  
National Recreational Area

Table 1: Universal Geographic Code (UGC): Current Fire Weather Zone  
Forecast Name

WAZ662: East Portion of North Cascades National Park and the Lake Chelan  
National Recreational Area

Table 2: UGC: New Fire Weather Zone Forecast Name

WAZ662: East Portion of North Cascades National Park and the Lake Chelan  
National Recreational Area

Table 3: NWS Products Affected by the WFO Seattle, WA to WFO Spokane, WA Fire Weather Zone Transfer:

AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	Product Name
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FWFSEW	FNUS52 KSEW	Fire Weather Forecast
RFWSEW	WWUS82 KSEW	Fire Weather Message
FWFOTX	FNUS52 KOTX	Fire Weather Forecast
RFWOTX	WWUS82 KOTX	Fire Weather Message

NWS partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments and names.

Updated fire weather zone shapefiles are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones>

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

[https://www.weather.gov/otx/Proposed Fire Zone Change for NWSSeattle and Spokane WA](https://www.weather.gov/otx/Proposed_Fire_Zone_Change_for_NWSSeattle_and_Spokane_WA)

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