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SUBJECT: Changes to the boundaries of Fire Weather Forecast
 Zones in central and eastern South Dakota and
 northeast Nebraska effective October 29, 2020

Effective October 29, 2020, NWS Weather Forecast Offices Aberdeen and Sioux Falls, SD, will change their current fire weather forecast zone boundaries in central and eastern South Dakota. WFO Sioux Falls will also change the boundary of a single zone in northeast Nebraska.

If October 29, 2020, is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to November 5, 2020.

The new fire weather forecast zone boundaries will align with county boundaries. These changes were necessary to create more detailed fire weather forecasts by reducing the size of fire zones.

Fire weather forecast zone numbers will change as a result of these zone boundary adjustments. Graphical descriptions of the old and new fire weather forecast zones are online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/abr/2020firezonechange>
<https://www.weather.gov/fsd/firezonechange2020>

NWS watch, warning and forecast products affected by these changes are:

WFO Aberdeen Products	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Watch	WWUS83 KABR	RFWABR

Red Flag Warning	WWUS83 KABR	RFWABR
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS53 KABR	FWFABR
WFO Sioux Falls Products	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Watch	WWUS83 KFSD	RFWFSD
Red Flag Warning	WWUS83 KFSD	RFWFSD
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS53 KFSD	FWFFSD

NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to their communications systems to accommodate these fire weather forecast zone changes.

A shapefile of the new fire weather forecast zones for WFO ABR and WFO FSD is online at:

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

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