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Subject: Changes in Fire and Public Zones for NWS Weather
 Forecast Office Jacksonville, FL, effective March
 30, 2021

On or about March 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), three county public and fire weather forecast zones for NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Jacksonville (JAX), FL, will be adjusted into different zones.

If March 31, 2021, is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to April 1, 2021.

The Clay County forecast zone in Florida, will be divided to create eastern and western Clay County Zones.

Inland Duval County forecast zone will be split to create a new South Central Duval Zone and Trout River Zone. The split is near the Trout River.

Putnam County forecast zone will be divided to create eastern and western Putnam County Zones.

These changes are intended to provide increased flexibility and improved accuracy of forecast, watches, warnings and advisories in the public and fire weather programs and will lead to better service during tropical and coastal flooding events.

The Fire and Public Zone changes require partners and users to take appropriate action to receive the new Zone products using the Universal Generic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 2.

Table 1: Current UGC: Current Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones Name

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FLZ025: Inland Duval
FLZ032: Clay
FLZ037: Putnum

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Table 2: New UGC: New Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones Name

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FLZ225: Trout River
FLZ325: South Central Duval
FLZ425: Western Duval
FLZ032: Eastern Clay
FLZ132: Western Clay
FLZ037: Eastern Putnam
FLZ137: Western Putnam

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Table 3: NWS products affected by the changes in Public and Fire Weather forecast zones are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS82 KJAX	HLSJAX
Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	WTNT81 KNHC	TCVAT1-5
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS42 KJAX	CFWJAX
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS52 KJAX	SRFJAX
Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS52 KJAX	FWFJAX
Fire Weather Message	WWUS82 KJAX	RFWJAX
Fire Danger Statement	FNUS62 KJAX	RFDJAX
Zone Forecast Product	FPUS52 KJAX	ZFPJAX
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS52 KJAX	PFMJAX
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS62 KJAX	SFTJAX
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
Public Information Statement	NOUS42 KJAX	PNSJAX
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS72 KJAX	NPWJAX
Flood Watch	WGUS62 KJAX	FFAJAX
Special Weather Statement	WWUS82 KJAX	SPSJAX
Winter Weather Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS42 KJAX	WSWJAX

Area Forecast Discussion
Hydrologic Outlook

FXUS62 KJAX
FGUS72 KJAX

AFDJAX
ESFJAX

Partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments and names. These changes do not affect products using county (C) UGC.

Updated fire and public zone maps are online at:

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

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

A graphical depiction of WFO JAXs new Fire and Public Weather Forecast Zones are online:

<https://www.weather.gov/jax/ZoneSplit2021>

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