Service Change Notice 21-16
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Subject: Implementation of a Format Change to the Rangeland Fire Danger Forecast issued by WFO Corpus Christi Effective February 24, 2021

Effective Wednesday, February 24, 2021, the Corpus Christi, TX, Weather Forecast Office (WFO CRP) will change from a narrative format to a sectioned format in the South Texas Rangeland Fire Danger forecast product (RFDCRP).

The information contained in the RFDCRP will not change. Reformatting to a sectioned format will users to more easily identify specific weather elements contributing to elevated fire weather conditions.

New 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 WEATHER CONDITIONS EXPECTED...

* AFFECTED AREA: Aransas and Calhoun Counties
* TIMING: From 10 AM until 7 PM.
* WIND: Westerly at 20 TO 30 MPH, with higher gusts.
* RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 20 TO 30 percent.
* FUEL DRYNESS: Dry.
For additional forecast details please see the Fire Weather Planning Forecast on our website.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

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 toss cigarette butts on the ground. Report wildfires quickly to the nearest fire department or law enforcement office.

Current Format for the RFDCRP:
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RFDCRP
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...ELEVATED FIRE DANGER CONDITIONS THIS AFTERNOON ACROSS ARANSAS AND CALHOUN COUNTIES...

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 OF GRINDING EQUIPMENT NEAR GRASS AND DRY BRUSH. IN ADDITION...AVOID PARKING VEHICLES IN TALL...DRY GRASS AND WEEDS THAT COULD BE IGNITED. DO NOT TOSS CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE GROUND. REPORT WILDFIRES QUICKLY TO THE NEAREST FIRE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.
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Product proposed to be reformatted:

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NWS evaluated support of this product format change through a public feedback comment period and received no negative comments.

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