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Subject: Changes to Public and Fire Forecast Zones for Weather Forecast
 Office Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, Effective March 22, 2022

On or about Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Greenville-Spartanburg, South Carolina (GSP) will change Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for Greenville and Spartanburg Counties in upstate South Carolina. After this change, all public and fire weather forecasts and related products will use the new zone numbers and names shown below. These changes are intended to provide increased flexibility and improved accuracy of forecast and various watches, warnings and advisories in the public and fire weather programs.

If March 22, 2022 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 29, 2022.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Public/Fire Zone Forecast Names

SCZ001: Oconee Mountains
SCZ002: Pickens Mountains
SCZ003: Greater Oconee
SCZ004: Greater Pickens
SCZ005: Greenville Mountains
SCZ006: Greater Greenville
SCZ007: Spartanburg

Table 2: UGC: New Public Zone Forecast Names

SCZ101: Oconee Mountains
SCZ102: Pickens Mountains
SCZ103: Greenville Mountains
SCZ104: Greater Oconee
SCZ105: Greater Pickens
SCZ106: Central Greenville
SCZ107: Southern Greenville
SCZ108: Northern Spartanburg
SCZ109: Southern Spartanburg

Table 3: NWS products from WFO Greenville-Spartanburg, SC affected by these public/fire zone changes are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Special Weather Statement	WWUS82 KGSP	SPSGSP
Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS82 KGSP	HLSGSP
Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	WTUS82 KGSP	TCVGSP
Zone Forecast Product	FPUS52 KGSP	ZFPGSP
Hazardous Weather Outlook	FLUS42 KGSP	HWOGSP
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS72 KGSP	NPWGSP
Winter Weather Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS42 KGSP	WSWGSP
Area Forecast Matrices	FOUS52 KGSP	AFMGSP
Fire Weather Message	FNUS52 KGSP	FWFGSP
Flood Watch	WGUS62 KGSP	FFAGSP
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS72 KGSP	ESFGSP
Fire Weather Watch	WWUS82 KGSP	RFWGSP
Red Flag Warning	WWUS82 KGSP	RFWGSP
Public Information Statement	NOUS42 KGSP	PNSGSP
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS52 KGSP	PFMGSP
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS62 KGSP	AFDGSP
Precipitation and Temperature Summary	SXUS52 KGSP	HYDGSP
Daily River and Lake Summary	FGUS52 KGSP	RVDGSP
Hydrologic Statement	FGUS82 KGSP	RVSGSP
Hydrologic Statement	SRUS42 KGSP	RVAGSP
Air Quality Alert	AEUS72 KGSP	AQAGSP
Air Quality Forecast	AEUS72 KGSP	AQIGSP

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

Updated zone shapefiles are online at:

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

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gsp/newGSPZones>

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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