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From: Kimberly McMahon, Acting Chief
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Subject: Changes to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for Weather
 Forecast Office Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA, Effective March 22, 2022

On or about Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 100 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Oxnard, California (LOX) will change the Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones encompassing San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties in southwest California. After this change, all public and fire forecasts and related products will use the new zone numbers and names shown below.

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

These changes are intended to provide increased flexibility and improved accuracy of forecast, watch, warning, and advisory products in the public and fire weather programs. The changes will optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly between coasts, valleys, and mountains of southwest California.

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

CAZ034/CAZ234: San Luis Obispo County Central Coast
CAZ035/CAZ235: Santa Barbara County Central Coast
CAZ036/CAZ236: Santa Ynez Valley
CAZ037/CAZ237: San Luis Obispo County Interior Valley
CAZ039/CAZ239: Santa Barbara County South Coast
CAZ040/CAZ240: Ventura County Coast
CAZ041/CAZ241: Los Angeles County Coast including Downtown Los Angeles
CAZ044/CAZ244: Ventura County Interior Valleys
CAZ045/CAZ245: Ventura County Coastal Valleys
CAZ046/CAZ246: Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area
CAZ051/CAZ251: San Luis Obispo County Mountains
CAZ052/CAZ252: Santa Barbara County Mountains

Table 2: UGC: New Public/Fire Zone Forecast Name

CAZ340/CAZ340: San Luis Obispo County Beaches
 CAZ341/CAZ341: San Luis Obispo County Inland Central Coast
 CAZ342/CAZ342: Santa Lucia Mountains
 CAZ343/CAZ343: Southern Salinas Valley
 CAZ344/CAZ344: San Luis Obispo County Interior Valleys
 CAZ345/CAZ345: San Luis Obispo County Mountains
 CAZ346/CAZ346: Santa Barbara County Central Coast Beaches
 CAZ347/CAZ347: Santa Barbara County Inland Central Coast
 CAZ348/CAZ348: Santa Ynez Valley
 CAZ349/CAZ349: Santa Barbara County Southwestern Coast
 CAZ350/CAZ350: Santa Barbara County Southeastern Coast
 CAZ351/CAZ351: Santa Ynez Mountains Western Range
 CAZ352/CAZ352: Santa Ynez Mountains Eastern Range
 CAZ353/CAZ353: Santa Barbara County Interior Mountains
 CAZ354/CAZ354: Ventura County Beaches
 CAZ355/CAZ355: Ventura County Inland Coast
 CAZ356/CAZ356: Lake Casitas
 CAZ357/CAZ357: Ojai Valley
 CAZ358/CAZ358: Central Ventura County Valleys
 CAZ359/CAZ359: Southeastern Ventura County Valleys
 CAZ362/CAZ362: Malibu Coast
 CAZ363/CAZ363: Santa Monica Mountains
 CAZ364/CAZ364: Los Angeles County Beaches
 CAZ365/CAZ365: Los Angeles County Inland Coast Including Downtown Los Angeles

Table 3: UGC: Change in Existing Public/Fire Zone Forecast Name

CAZ054/CAZ254: Los Angeles County Mountains excluding the Santa Monica Range will be renamed to: Los Angeles County Mountains

Table 4: NWS products affected by these public/fire zone changes are listed below.

AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	Product Name
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HLSLOX:	WTUS86 KLAX:	Hurricane Local Statement
CFWLOX:	WHUS46 KLAX:	Coastal Hazard Message
SRFLOX:	FZUS56 KLAX:	Surf Zone Forecast
FWFLOX:	FNUS56 KLAX:	Fire Weather Forecast
RFWLOX:	WWUS86 KLAX:	Fire Weather Message
ZFPLOX:	FPUS56 KLAX:	Zone Forecast
PFMLOX:	FOUS56 KLAX:	Point Forecast Matrices
SFTLOX:	FPUS66 KLAX:	Tabular State Forecast
PNSLOX:	NOUS46 KLAX:	Public Information Statement
NPWLOX:	WWUS76 KLAX:	Non-Precipitation Statement
FFALOX:	WGUS66 KLAX:	Flood Watch
SPSLOX:	WWUS86 KLAX:	Special Weather Statement
WSWLOX:	WWUS46 KLAX:	Winter Weather Message
AFDLOX:	FXUS66 KLAX:	Area Forecast Discussion

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

Updated public 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/media/lox/statements/Mar2022_PublicFire_LOX_Justification.pdf

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