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Subject: Changes to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for
 WFO Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA: Effective March 8, 2023

On or about Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Oxnard, California (LOX) will complete changes to the Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for areas of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. After this change, all forecasts and related products will use the new zone numbers and names shown in Table 2 below.

If March 8, 2023 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 9, 2023 at 2100 UTC.

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

CAZ053/CAZ253: Ventura County Mountains
CAZ054/CAZ254: Los Angeles County Mountains
CAZ059/CAZ259: Antelope Valley
CAZ359/CAZ359: Southeastern Ventura County Valleys
CAZ363/CAZ363: Santa Monica Mountains
CAZ364/CAZ364: Los Angeles County Beaches
CAZ365/CAZ365: Los Angeles County Inland Coast Including Downtown
 Los Angeles
CAZ547/CAZ547: Los Angeles County San Fernando Valley

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

CAZ366/CAZ366: Los Angeles County Beaches
CAZ367/CAZ367: Palos Verdes Hills
CAZ368/CAZ368: Los Angeles County Inland Coast including Downtown Los
 Angeles

CAZ369/CAZ369: Western Santa Monica Mountains
 CAZ370/CAZ370: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
 CAZ371/CAZ371: Calabasas and Agoura Hills
 CAZ372/CAZ372: Western San Fernando Valley
 CAZ373/CAZ373: Eastern San Fernando Valley
 CAZ374/CAZ374: Southeastern Ventura County Valleys
 CAZ375/CAZ375: Santa Susana Mountains
 CAZ376/CAZ376: Southern Ventura County Mountains
 CAZ377/CAZ377: Northern Ventura County Mountains
 CAZ378/CAZ378: Northwestern Los Angeles County Mountains including the Interstate 5 Corridor
 CAZ379/CAZ379: Western San Gabriel Mountains including the Highway 14 Corridor
 CAZ380/CAZ380: Eastern San Gabriel Mountains
 CAZ381/CAZ381: Western Antelope Valley Foothills
 CAZ382/CAZ382: Eastern Antelope Valley Foothills
 CAZ383/CAZ383: Antelope Valley

Table 3: NWS WFO Los Angeles, CA products affected by these public/fire zone changes are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS86 KLOX	HLSLOX
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS46 KLOX	CFWLOX
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS56 KLOX	SRFLOX
Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS56 KLOX	FWFLOX
Fire Weather Message	WWUS86 KLOX	RFWLOX
Zone Forecast Product	FPUS56 KLOX	ZFPLOX
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS56 KLOX	PFMLOX
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS66 KLOX	SFTLOX
Public Information Statement	NOUS46 KLOX	PNSLOX
Non-Precipitation Watch/ Warning/Advisory	WWUS76 KLOX	NPWLOX
Flood Watch	WGUS66 KLOX	FFALOX
Special Weather Statement	WWUS86 KLOX	SPSLOX
Winter Weather Message	WWUS46 KLOX	WSWLOX
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS66 KLOX	AFDLOX
Air Quality Alert	AEUS76 KLOX	AQALOX

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

Preliminary shapefiles for public and fire weather forecast zones are available online at:

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

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

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on January 17, 2023.

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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