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Subject: Updated: Changes to Fire Forecast Zones for WFO Eureka, CA
effective April 16, 2026

Updated to change the implementation date from March 3, 2026 to April 16, 2026 and final versions of the shapefiles will be available on March 24, 2026.

Effective Thu, April 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (ST), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Eureka, CA (EKA) will change Fire Weather Forecast Zones encompassing Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, and Lake Counties in northwestern California. After this change, all forecasts and related products will use the zone numbers and names shown in Table 2 below.

If April 16, 2026 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to April 20, 2026 at 2100 UTC.

These changes will result in more geographically precise forecast, watch and warning products for the general public and will enhance web-based graphical product consistency and appearance.

Ten current zones will be converted into 21 separate zones. These new zones are being divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly in the rugged terrain of northwestern California. The new zones are listed in Table 2.

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

CAZ201: North Coast
CAZ202: Coastal Mendocino
CAZ203: Upper Smith
CAZ204: Lower Middle Klamath
CAZ211: Hoopa
CAZ212: Van Duzen/Mad River
CAZ264: Lake County Portion of Lake/Napa/Sonoma RU
CAZ276: Interior Mendocino
CAZ277: W Mendocino NF/E Mendocino Unit

CAZ283: Trinity

Table 2. UGC: New Fire Forecast Zone Name

CAZ401: Coastal Del Norte
CAZ402: Interior Del Norte Including the Smith River Valley
CAZ403: Northeastern Interior Humboldt and Southwestern Siskiyou
Including Orleans
CAZ404: Northern Coastal Humboldt
CAZ405: Northwestern Interior Humboldt Including the Bald Hills
CAZ406: Eastern Interior Humboldt Including Willow Creek and
Hoopa
CAZ407: Southwestern Humboldt Including the King Range and the
Eel River Valley
CAZ408: Southeastern Interior Humboldt Including Kneeland and
Alderpoint
CAZ409: Northwestern Trinity Including Salyer and Big Bar
CAZ410: Northeastern Trinity Including Trinity Lake
CAZ411: Eastern Trinity Including Weaverville and Hayfork
CAZ412: Southern Trinity Including Ruth Lake and the Yolla
Bollys
CAZ413: Coastal Mendocino
CAZ414: Northern Interior Mendocino Including Leggett and
Willits
CAZ415: Northeastern Interior Mendocino Including Covelo
CAZ416: Southeastern Interior Mendocino Including Ukiah and
Potter Valley
CAZ417: Southwestern Interior Mendocino Including Boonville
CAZ418: Northern Lake Including Gravelly Valley
CAZ419: Eastern Lake Including Clearlake and Middletown
CAZ420: Southern Lake Including Cobb and Konocti
CAZ421: Western Lake Including Lakeport

Table 3. NWS products affected by the WFO Eureka, CA,
by these Fire Weather forecast zone changes are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS56 KEKA	FWFEKA
Red Flag Warning	WWUS86 KEKA	RFWEKA
Fire Warning	WOUS46 KEKA	FRWEKA

NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to their communications systems to accommodate these weather forecast zone changes.

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

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

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on March 24, 2026.

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

[https://www.weather.gov/eka/2026 Fire Zone Change](https://www.weather.gov/eka/2026_Fire_Zone_Change)

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