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From: Suzanne Lenihan
 Office of Chief Operating Officer

Subject: Addition of Avalanche Watch for the San Francisco Peaks &
Kachina Peaks Wilderness in Arizona beginning March 15, 2026

Effective on or about March 15, 2026, the NWS Weather Forecast Office in
Flagstaff, AZ will begin relaying Avalanche Watch (AVA) products for the
San Francisco Peaks and the Kachina Peaks Wilderness in Arizona on behalf
of the Kachina Peaks Avalanche Center.

In accordance with state and local Emergency Alert Services (EAS) plans,
Avalanche Watches from alerting authorities may be disseminated via NOAA
Weather Radio Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) and the Emergency
Alert System.

The products will have the following AWIPS ID and WMO header:

Product Name	AWIPS ID	WMO Heading
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Avalanche Watch	AVAFGZ	WOUS45 KFGZ

Users may need to update their databases to begin receiving
these messages.

If you have any questions about these products, please contact:

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