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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-18
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1235 PM EST FRI DEC 3 1999

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS IN MASSACHUSETTS TO BE PRODUCED BY TWO
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES IN THE NWS EASTERN REGION...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1
2000

EFFECTIVE AT 9 A.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME /EST/...1400 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1 2000...ALL FIRE WEATHER PROGRAM
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 25 ZONES IN MASSACHUSETTS /TABLE 1/ WILL BE
TRANSFERRED TO THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES IN BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS /BOX/
AND ALBANY NEW YORK /ALY/.

PLEASE REFER TO LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE PUBLIC INFORMATION
STATEMENTS FOR THE OFFICIAL SPECIFIC START DATE OF PRODUCT ISSUANCES
DURING THE UPCOMING FIRE WEATHER SEASON.

BECAUSE OF THIS FIRE WEATHER PROGRAM TRANSFER...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE NOAA
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ AND THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ MUST TAKE
APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECEIVE THE PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 2 FOR THESE 25
ZONES USING THE NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS FROM THE BOX AND ALY NWS OFFICES.

TABLE 1: ZONES ASSUMED IN MASSACHUSETTS BY TWO NWS OFFICES: BOSTON/BOX AND
ALBANY/ALY FOR ALL FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS. UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES
/UGCS/ FOR THESE ZONES /Z/ ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLE.

PARTIAL COUNTY ABBREVIATIONS /N = NORTH...ETC. /I = INTERIOR /C = COASTAL
/NE = NORTHEAST...ETC.

ZONE NAME /BY COUNTY/	UGC Z	OFFICE	ZONE NAME /BY COUNTY/	UGC Z	OFFICE
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BARNSTABLE	MAZ022-	BOX	MIDDLESEX/SE	MAZ014-	BOX
BERKSHIRE	MAZ001-	ALB	MIDDLESEX/W	MAZ005-	BOX
BRISTOL/N	MAZ017-	BOX	NANTUCKET	MAZ024-	BOX
BRISTOL/S	MAZ020-	BOX	NORFOLK/E	MAZ016-	BOX
DUKES	MAZ023-	BOX	NORFOLK/W	MAZ013-	BOX
ESSEX/E	MAZ007-	BOX	PLYMOUTH/E	MAZ019-	BOX
ESSEX/W	MAZ006-	BOX	PLYMOUTH/S	MAZ021-	BOX
FRANKLIN/E	MAZ003-	BOX	PLYMOUTH/W	MAZ018-	BOX
FRANKLIN/W	MAZ002-	BOX	SUFFOLK	MAZ015-	BOX
HAMPDEN/E	MAZ011-	BOX	SUFFOLK	MAZ015-	BOX
HAMPDEN/W	MAZ009-	BOX	WORCESTER/N	MAZ004-	BOX

HAMPSHIRE/E MAZ010- BOX WORCESTER/S MAZ012- BOX
HAMPSHIRE/W MAZ008- BOX

TABLE 2: THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS WILL BE USED TO DISSEMINATE
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST PRODUCTS TO THESE 25 ZONES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION -----	NWS ID -----	WMO ID FOR FOS -----
CENTRAL/EASTERN MA FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	BOSFWFBOS	FNUS51 KBOX
FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING	BOSRFBOS	WWUS81 KBOX
WESTERN PA FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	ALBFWFALB	FNUS51 KALY
FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING	ALBRFWALB	WWUS81 KALY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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