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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-29...CORRECTED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 730 AM EST FRI JAN 14 2000

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FROM: THERESE PIERCE

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED ZONE COVERAGE FOR THE GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS...VAN HORN AREA...DAVIS MOUNTAINS AND LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28 2000

CORRECTED UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE FOR NEW GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS ZONE IN TABLE 1 FROM TXZ257 TO TXZ258. ALL OTHER INFORMATION REMAINS THE SAME.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...FEBRUARY 28 2000 AT 1100 A.M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME /CST/...1200 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME...OR 1700 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...ZONE FORECASTS ISSUED BY THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN MIDLAND TEXAS /MAF/ WILL BE IMPROVED TO ACCOUNT FOR TOPOGRAPHY. THIS CHANGE INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING THREE IMPROVEMENTS:

- 1. THE GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS AND VAN HORN AREA WILL BECOME SEPARATE ZONES. THE NEW GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS ZONE WILL ENCOMPASS THE NORTH PORTION OF CURRENT ZONE TXZ057 AND THE EXTREME NORTHWEST PORTION OF CURRENT ZONE TXZ058. THIS SEPARATION CAN BE FURTHER DESCRIBED USING TIME ZONES. THE GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS ZONE WILL BE THE MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE PORTION OF CULBERSON COUNTY /TABLE 1/.
- 2. THE SECOND CHANGE IS THE EXPANSION OF ZONE TXZ074 TO INCLUDE THE HIGHER TERRAIN AREAS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF ZONES TXZ057 AND TXZ058. THE EXPANSION OF ZONE TXZ074 WILL INCLUDE BORACHO...KENT AND THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 10 AND INTERSTATE 20 /TABLE 1/.
- 3. THE THIRD CHANGE WILL BE DIVIDING LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO INTO THREE PARTS. SINCE LEA COUNTY IS 110 MILES LONG...THIS CHANGE WILL IMPROVE SERVICE TO RESIDENTS. LEA COUNTY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO NORTHERN LEA /TATUM AND CROSSROADS/...CENTRAL LEA /LOVINGTON AND HOBBS/ AND SOUTHERN LEA /JAL AND EUNICE/. CENTRAL LEA COUNTY WILL BE BOUNDED BY 33 DEGREES 0 MINUTES TO THE NORTH AND 32 DEGREES 30 MINUTES TO THE SOUTH /TABLE 1/.

BECAUSE OF THESE CHANGES...CUSTOMERS MUST TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECEIVE ALL PRODUCTS WHICH USE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ ZONE /Z/ CODES. THIS CHANGE DOES NOT EFFECT PRODUCTS USING UGC COUNTY /C/ CODES.

TABLE 1: ZONE IMPROVEMENT FOR THE WFO MIDLAND FORECAST AREA. UGC ZONE /Z/CODES ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLE.

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GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS TXZ258 /NEW UGC/ --CORRECTED

VAN HORN AND HWY 54 CORRIDOR TXZ057
REEVES COUNTY/UPPER TRANS PECOS TXZ058
DAVIS/APACHE MOUNTAINS AREA TXZ074

NORTHERN LEA COUNTY NMZ029

CENTRAL LEA COUNTY NMZ033 /NEW UGC/ SOUTHERN LEA COUNTY NMZ034 /NEW UGC/

TABLE 2: THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY RELATED PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WFO MAF THAT WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION FOR THESE RECONFIGURED ZONES.

PRODUCT	NWWS ID	WMO HEAD	DING
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	LBBZFPMAF	FPUS54	KMAF
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	LBBFFAMAF	WGUS64	KMAF
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	LBBNPWMAF	WWUS74	KMAF
WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	LBBWSWMAF	WWUS44	KMAF
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	LBBSPSMAF	WWUS84	KMAF
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	LBBSVSMAF	WWUS54	KMAF
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	LBBCEMMAF	WOUS44	KMAF
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	LBBPNSMAF	NOUS44	KMAF
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	LBBNOWMAF	FPUS74	KMAF
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	LBBFFSMAF	WGUS74	KMAF
LOCAL STORM REPORT	LBBLSRMAF	WWUS54	KMAF

FOR HOLDERS OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER C-11...APPENDIX A /ZONE FORECAST BOUNDARIES/....THIS UPDATES PAGES A-61...A-62...A-71 AND A-72.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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