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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-97  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON D.C.  
1110 PM EDT FRI OCT 13 2000

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

FROM: PAUL STOKOLS...ACTING CHIEF  
FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN ZONE AND LOCAL FORECAST PRODUCTS IN  
ALASKA...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 16 2000

...THIS SCN SUPERCEDES SCN 00-75...ISSUED AUG 21 2000...  
...SCN 00-75 IS CANCELLED...

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 16 2000...AT 300 A.M. ALASKA STANDARD TIME  
/1200 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE AT ANCHORAGE WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
CHANGES TO THEIR PUBLIC FORECAST PROGRAM:

1. PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES

ANCHORAGE WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES FROM  
3 TO 16. THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADERS...  
ZONE NAMES/DESCRIPTORS...AND UNIVERSAL GENERIC CODES WILL CHANGE.  
ZONE NAMES/DESCRIPTORS WILL INCLUDE A LIST OF COMMUNITIES AND ANY  
MAJOR HIGHWAY SEGMENTS WITHIN THE ZONE AREA.

THE ZONE FORECASTS /ZFP/ WILL BE ISSUED UNDER FOUR NEW WMO  
HEADERS AND NINE-CHARACTER PIL IDENTIFIERS AS FOLLOWS:

NEW WMO HEADER NEW PIL ID  
FPAK51 PAFC ANCZFPWCM

NEW UGC NEW ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

AKZ101 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPALITY TO BIRD CREEK INCLUDING  
GLENN HIGHWAY NORTH TO THE FIRST KNIK RIVER  
BRIDGE - SEWARD HIGHWAY SOUTH TO BIRD POINT

AKZ111 MATANUSKA VALLEY INCLUDING PALMER - WASILLA -  
GLENN HIGHWAY FIRST KNIK RIVER BRIDGE TO  
CHICKALOON - PARKS HIGHWAY NORTH TO HOUSTON

AKZ121 KENAI PENINSULA INCLUDING KENAI - SOLDOTNA -  
HOMER - STERLING HIGHWAY

AKZ145 SUSITNA VALLEY INCLUDING TALKEETNA - WILLOW -

PARKS HIGHWAY HOUSTON TO DENALI PARK ENTRANCE

NEW WMO HEADER    NEW PIL ID  
FPAK52 PAFC        ANCFPAFC

NEW UGC    NEW ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

AKZ125    WESTERN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND KENAI MOUNTAINS  
INCLUDING WHITTIER - GIRDWOOD - SEWARD - SEWARD  
HIGHWAY BIRD POINT TO SEWARD

AKZ131    NORTHEAST PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND INCLUDING VALDEZ -  
RICHARDSON HIGHWAY NORTH THROUGH THOMPSON PASS

AKZ135    SOUTHEASTERN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND INCLUDING  
CORDOVA

AKZ141    COPPER RIVER BASIN INCLUDING GLENNALLEN - GLENN  
HIGHWAY CHICKALOOON TO GLENNALLEN - TOK CUTOFF  
GAKONA JUNCTION TO MENTASTA PASS - RICHARDSON  
HIGHWAY THOMPSON PASS TO THE NORTH END OF SUMMIT  
LAKE

NEW WMO HEADER    NEW PIL ID  
FPAK53 PAFC        ANCFPSWB

NEW UGC    NEW ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

AKZ151    KUSKOKWIM VALLEY INCLUDING MCGRATH

AKZ155    KUSKOKWIM DELTA INCLUDING BETHEL

AKZ161    BRISTOL BAY INCLUDING KING SALMON - NAKNEK -  
DILLINGHAM

AKZ171    KODIAK ISLAND INCLUDING KODIAK CITY

NEW WMO HEADER    NEW PIL ID  
FPAK54 PAFC        ANCFPALU

NEW UGC    NEW ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

AKZ181    ALASKA PENINSULA INCLUDING COLD BAY - SAND POINT

AKZ185    EASTERN ALEUTIANS INCLUDING UNALASKA

AKZ191    WESTERN ALEUTIANS INCLUDING ADAK

AKZ195    PRIBILOF ISLANDS INCLUDING ST PAUL

THE UPDATED ZONE MAP WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE  
FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/...APPROXIMATELY  
OCTOBER 16 2000:

2. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS WILL BE TERMINATED AND REPLACED DUE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ZONE FORECAST PRODUCTS IN ALASKA.

PIL ID WMO HEADER PRODUCT NAME/DESCRIPTION

ANCLFPANC FPAK11 PANC ANCHORAGE AND VICINITY INCLUDING PALMER  
AND WASILLA FORECAST  
ANCLFPAK FPAK12 PANC COLLECTIVE OF CITY FORECASTS  
ANCLFPAK FPAK13 PANC WILLOW AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCEFPAK FPAK01 PANC EXTENDED FORECAST FOR ANCHORAGE...  
PALMER...AND THE MATANUSKA VALLEY  
ANCRECANC FPAK15 PANC SEASONAL RECREATION OR MOTORING  
FORECAST  
ANCZFPAK FPAK58 PAFC COLLECTIVE OF ZONE FORECASTS  
ANCLFPVWS FPAK11 PAVD VALDEZ AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCLFPADQ FPAK11 PADQ KODIAK AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCLFPMC G FPAK11 PAMC MCGRATH AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCLFPBET FPAK11 PABE BETHEL AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCLFPAKN FPAK11 PAKN KING SALMON AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCLFPCDB FPAK11 PACD COLD BAY AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST  
ANCLFPSNP FPAK11 PASN ST PAUL AND VICINITY LOCAL FORECAST

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING PERSONS IN ANCHORAGE:

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