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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-34  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
315 PM EDT MON JUL 30 2001

TO: FAMILY SERVICE /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS  
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...  
FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES...  
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND  
PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: JAMES E. LEE  
CHIEF... FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS  
JACKSON MISSISSIPPI...EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27 2001

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27 2001 AT 1000 UNIVERSAL  
COORDINATED TIME /500 AM CDT/...SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...INCLUDING  
FIRE WEATHER WATCHES AND RED FLAG WARNINGS...FOR LAND MANAGEMENT  
AGENCIES IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS AND NORTHEAST LOUISIANA  
WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS OFFICE IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS  
TO THE NWS OFFICE AT JACKSON MISSISSIPPI. ON THE EFFECTIVE  
DATE...WFO JACKSON WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE  
FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS:  
ASHLEY CHICOT

AND FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHES IN NORTHEAST LOUISIANA:  
CATAHOULA CONCORDIA EAST CARROLL FRANKLIN MOREHOUSE  
RICHLAND TENSAS WEST CARROLL

THE SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC  
PLAN OF THE NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE JACKSON  
NWS OFFICE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL  
CAPABILITIES THEREBY PROVIDING AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF FIRE WEATHER  
SERVICE FOR EXTREME SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS AND NORTHEAST LOUISIANA  
AND THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:

FELSENTHALL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST  
ARKANSAS  
OVERFLOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST  
ARKANSAS

CUSTOMERS OF NWS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THESE LAND  
MANAGEMENT AREAS SHOULD NOTE THAT...COINCIDENT WITH THE  
ASSUMPTION OF SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE JACKSON NWS OFFICE...  
ALL PRODUCTS WILL BE ISSUED UNDER NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS. THE

IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WMO HEADERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WMO HEADER	AWIPS ID	PIL ID	DESCRIPTION
FNUS54	KJAN	FWFJAN	JANFWFJAN ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84	KJAN	FWMJAN	JANFWMJAN NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS44	KJAN	RFWJAN	JANRFWJAN RED FLAG WARNING AND/OR FIRE WEATHER WATCH

THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WMO HEADERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BUT NO PRODUCTS ARE CURRENTLY IN USE AT THIS TIME:

WMO HEADER	AWIPS ID	PIL ID	DESCRIPTION
FNUS74	KJAN	SMFJAN	JANSMFJAN SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64	KJAN	RFDJAN	JANRFDJAN RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84	KJAN	FWLJAN	JANFWLJAN LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS64	KJAN	FWNJAN	JANFWNJAN FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE

THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS IS BASED ON SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BOTH FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES. HOWEVER...CURRENT LEGISLATIVE POLICY PROHIBITS THE NWS FROM PROVIDING NON-ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS TO NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES...EXCEPT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.

PLEASE NOTE...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/...NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/...AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ MUST TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF THESE NEW PRODUCTS USING THE NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS.

TO REPEAT...THE NWS OFFICE IN JACKSON MISSISSIPPI WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR EXTREME SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS AND NORTHEAST LOUISIANA BEGINNING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27 2001 AT 1000 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME...500 AM CDT.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE TRANSFER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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