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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-35  
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  
MEMPHIS TENNESSEE...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 NORTHEAST AND EAST CENTRAL ARKANSAS...NORTHERN  
MISSISSIPPI AND THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL...WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM  
THE NWS OFFICES IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS AND JACKSON MISSISSIPPI  
TO THE NWS OFFICE IN MEMPHIS TENNESSEE. ON THE EFFECTIVE  
DATE...WFO MEMPHIS WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE  
FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN NORTHEAST ARKANSAS:

CLAY CRAIGHEAD CRITTENDEN CROSS GREENE  
LAWRENCE MISSISSIPPI POINSETT RANDOLPH

IN EAST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS:

LEE PHILLIPS ST FRANCIS

IN NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI:

ALCORN BENTON CALHOUN CHICKASAW COAHOMA  
DESOTO ITAWAMBA LAFAYETTE LEE MARSHALL  
MONROE PANOLA PONTOTOC PRENTISS QUITMAN  
TALLAHATCHIE TATE TIPPAH TISHOMINGO TUNICA  
UNION YALOBUSHA

IN THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL:

DUNKLIN PEMISCOT

THE SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC  
PLAN OF THE NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE MEMPHIS  
NWS OFFICE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL  
CAPABILITIES THEREBY PROVIDING AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF FIRE WEATHER  
SERVICE FOR NORTHEAST ARKANSAS...EAST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS...NORTH

MISSISSIPPI...AND THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL...ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:

ST FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST IN EAST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
HOLLY SPRINGS NATIONAL FOREST IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN UNIT OF THE TOMBIGBEE NATIONAL FOREST IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI  
NORTH HALF OF THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI

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 MEMPHIS NWS OFFICE...ALL FIRE WEATHER 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	KMEG	FWFMEM	MEMFWFMEM	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84	KMEG	FWMMEM	MEMFWMMEM	NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS44	KMEG	RFWMEM	MEMRFWMEM	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	KMEG	SMFMEM	MEMSMFMEM	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64	KMEG	RDFMEM	MEMRDFMEM	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84	KMEG	FWLMEM	MEMFWLMEM	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS64	KMEG	FWNMEM	MEMFWNMEM	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 MEMPHIS TENNESSEE WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR NORTHEAST ARKANSAS...EAST CENTRAL ARKANSAS...NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI...AND THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL 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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