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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-36
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
SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA...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 SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS...WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS
OFFICE IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS TO THE NWS OFFICE IN SHREVEPORT
LOUISIANA. ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE...WFO SHREVEPORT WILL ISSUE
FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS:
COLUMBIA HEMPSTEAD HOWARD LAFAYETTE LITTLE
RIVER MILLER NEVADA SEVIER UNION

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

WEST SECTIONS OF THE FELSENTHAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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 SHREVEPORT 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	KSHV	FWFSHV	NEWFWFSHV ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84	KSHV	FWMSHV	NEWFWMSHV NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS44	KSHV	RFWSHV	NEWRFWSHV 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	KSHV	SMFSHV	NEWSMFSHV SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64	KSHV	RFDSHV	NEWRFDSHV RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84	KSHV	FWLSHV	NEWFWLSHV LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS64	KSHV	FWNSHV	NEWFWNSHV FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE

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 SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS 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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www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm

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