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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-37  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
315 PM EDT MON JUL 30 2001

TO: FAMILY SERVICE /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ 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  
TULSA OKLAHOMA...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 NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND PART OF SOUTHEAST  
OKLAHOMA...WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS OFFICE IN LITTLE ROCK  
ARKANSAS TO THE NWS OFFICE IN TULSA OKLAHOMA. ON THE EFFECTIVE  
DATE...WFO TULSA WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE  
FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS:  
BENTON CARROLL CRAWFORD FRANKLIN MADISON  
SEBASTIAN WASHINGTON

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

WEST SECTIONS OF THE OZARK NATIONAL FOREST  
EXTREME WEST SECTIONS OF OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST

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 TULSA 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 KTSA FWFTUL OKCFWFTUL ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST  
WWUS44 KTSA RFWTUL OKCRFWTUL RED FLAG WARNING AND/OR  
FIRE WEATHER WATCH  
FNUS84 KTSA FWMTUL OKCFWMTUL NFDRS SITE FORECAST

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 KTSA SMFTUL OKCSMFTUL SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER  
FORECAST  
FNUS64 KTSA RFDTUL OKCRFDTUL RANGELAND FIRE DANGER  
STATEMENT  
FNUS84 KTSA FWLTUL OKCFWLTUL LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST  
SHUS64 KTSA FWNTUL OKCFWNTUL 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 TULSA OKLAHOMA WILL ASSUME SERVICE  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER  
PRODUCTS FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND ONE COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST  
OKLAHOMA 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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