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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-37 COR
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1045 AM EDT FRI AUG 3 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: CORRECTED: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE
RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS TULSA OKLAHOMA...
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27 2001

...CORRECTED WMO HEADERS FOR RED FLAG WARNINGS/FIRE WEATHER
WATCH...AND FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE...

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
FNUS84 KTSA FWMTUL OKCFWMTUL NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS84 KTSA RFWTUL OKCRFWTUL RED FLAG WARNING AND/OR
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FIRE WEATHER WATCH
CORRECTED

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
SHUS84 KTSA FWNTUL OKCFWNTUL FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION
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MESSAGE
CORRECTED

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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AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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