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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-47  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WASHINGTON DC  
945 AM EDT THU AUG 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 BRANCH

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS  
FORECAST OFFICE IN MOBILE ALABAMA ...EFFECTIVE  
NOVEMBER 1 2001

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 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 MISSISSIPPI WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS  
OFFICE IN JACKSON MISSISSIPPI TO THE NWS OFFICE IN MOBILE  
ALABAMA. ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE...WFO MOBILE WILL ISSUE FIRE  
WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI:

GEORGE GREENE PERRY STONE WAYNE

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

NORTH AND EXTREME EAST SECTIONS OF THE DESOTO 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 MOBILE ALABAMA 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 KMOB FWFMOB BHMFWFMOB ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST

FNUS84 KMOB FWMMOB BHMFWMMOB NFDRS SITE FORECAST  
WWUS84 KMOB RFWMOB BHMRFWMOB 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 KMOB SMFMOB BHMSMFMOB SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER  
FORECAST

FNUS64 KMOB RFDMOB BHMRFDMOB RANGELAND FIRE DANGER  
STATEMENT

FNUS84 KMOB FWLMOB BHMFWLMOB LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST

SHUS84 KMOB FWNMOB BHMFWNMOB FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION  
MESSAGE

THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE 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/ SUBSCRIBERS... 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 MOBILE ALABAMA WILL ASSUME SERVICE  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER  
PRODUCTS FOR SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI BEGINNING THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 1 2001 AT 1000 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED TIME...500 AM CDT.

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