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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-48
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WASHINGTON DC
945 AM EDT THU AUG 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 BRANCH

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS
FORECAST OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA...EFFECTIVE
NOVEMBER 1 2001

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 2001 AT 1000 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED
TIME /0500 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
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS OFFICE IN
JACKSON MISSISSIPPI TO THE NWS OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA.
ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE...WFO NEW ORLEANS WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER
FORECASTS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

AMITE HANCOCK HARRISON JACKSON PEARL RIVER
PIKE WALTHALL WILKINSON

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

HOMOCHITTO NATIONAL FOREST
DESOTO NATIONAL FOREST
ST CATHERINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
MISSISSIPPI SANDHILL CRANE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
GRAND BAY 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 NEW ORLEANS 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 KLIX	FWFNEW	NEWFWFNEW	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84 KLIX	FWMNEW	NEWFWMNEW	NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS84 KLIX	RFWNEW	NEWRFWNEW	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 KLIX	SMFNEW	NEWSMFNEW	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64 KLIX	RFDNEW	NEWRFDNEW	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84 KLIX	FWLNEW	NEWFWLNEW	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS84 KLIX	FWNNEW	NEWFWNNEW	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE

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/... 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 NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR SOUTH MISSISSIPPI BEGINNING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 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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