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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-51  
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
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SUBJECT: FORECAST ZONE CONFIGURATION IN EASTERN MAINE...  
CREATION OF TWO NEW FORECAST ZONES AND RECONFIGURATION  
OF TWO FORECAST ZONES...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5 2001

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...NOVEMBER 5 2001 AT 1900 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED  
TIME /UTC/...2 PM EST...TWO NEW FORECAST ZONES WILL BE CREATED IN  
CENTRAL AND DOWN EAST MAINE. PISCATAQUIS COUNTY WILL BE SPLIT  
INTO THREE PORTIONS...NORTHERN...CENTRAL...AND SOUTHERN. AS A  
RESULT...ZONE MEZ010 /CURRENTLY SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS/ WILL BE  
SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS...CENTRAL PISCATAQUIS /MEZ010/ AND SOUTHERN  
PISCATAQUIS /MEZ031/. THE NEW SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS COUNTY ZONE  
WILL HAVE A BREAKPOINT LINE OF 45.12N/69.65W - 45.51N/68.97W.  
ZONE MEZ004 /NORTHERN PISCATAQUIS/ WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

LIKEWISE...WASHINGTON COUNTY MAINE WILL BE SPLIT INTO THREE  
PORTIONS...NORTHERN...CENTRAL...AND COASTAL. ZONE MEZ017  
/CURRENTLY INTERIOR WASHINGTON/ WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO  
PARTS...NORTHERN WASHINGTON /MEZ032/ AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON  
/MEZ017/. THE NEW NORTHERN WASHINGTON COUNTY ZONE WILL HAVE A  
BREAKPOINT LINE OF 45.27N/67.94W - 45.33N/67.45W. COASTAL  
WASHINGTON ZONE MEZ030 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FORECASTS FOR PISCATAQUIS AND WASHINGTON  
COUNTIES TO BE MORE AREA SPECIFIC...AND AFFECT THE PRODUCTS  
ISSUED BY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/  
IN CARIBOU MAINE /CAR/ LISTED IN TABLE 2. THERE ARE NO CHANGES  
TO ANY COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS WITH THESE ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS  
AND NO ACTION IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED RECEIPT OF PRODUCTS FROM  
WFO CARIBOU.

USERS WHO SELECT INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC ZONES NEED TO TAKE THE  
APPROPRIATE ACTION SO YOUR SYSTEM/S/ RECOGNIZE THE NEW ZONE /Z/  
UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGC/ AND THE NEW ZONE ALIGNMENTS FOR  
THESE COUNTIES. THESE CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT PRODUCTS USING  
THE COUNTY /C/ FORM OF UGC. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE  
LISTED IN TABLE 2.

TABLE 1. NEW ZONE CONFIGURATION IDENTIFIERS

NEW ZONE NAME	UGC /C/ UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	COUNTY
CENTRAL PISCATAQUIS	MEZ010	SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS	MEC021
SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS	MEZ031	N/A	MEC021
CENTRAL WASHINGTON	MEZ017	INTERIOR WASHINGTON	MEC029
NORTHERN WASHINGTON	MEZ032	N/A	MEC029

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID	PIL ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KCAR	ZFPCAR	PWMZFPCAR
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KCAR	FFACAR	PWMFFACAR
NON-PRECIPIATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KCAR	NPWCAR	PWMNPWCAR
WINTER STORM ADVSY/ WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KCAR	WSWCAR	PWMWSWCAR
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KCAR	SPSCAR	PWMSPSCAR
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS51 KCAR	SVSCAR	PWMSVSCAR
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	WOUS41 KCAR	CEMCAR	PWMCEMCAR
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KCAR	PNSCAR	PWMPNSCAR
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KCAR	NOWCAR	PWMNOWCAR
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS71 KCAR	FFSCAR	PWMFFSCAR
RIVER FLOOD WARNING	WGUS41 KCAR	FLWCAR	PWMFLWCAR
LOCAL STORM REPORT	WWUS30 KCAR	LSRCAR	PWMLSRCAR

NOTE: NOAA WEATHER WIRE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS ARE REMINDED THE USE OF PIL IDENTIFIERS WILL BE DISCONTINUED ON THE NWS ON OCTOBER 1 2001.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW FORECAST ZONES...THE ZONE CONFIGURATION OF NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST AROOSTOOK COUNTIES /ZONES 001 AND 002 RESPECTIVELY/ WILL ALSO CHANGE. THE NEW BOUNDARY BETWEEN THESE TWO ZONES WILL HAVE A BREAKPOINT OF 46.57N/68.82W - 47.27N/68.11W. THIS ADJUSTMENT WAS MADE FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL REASONS.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHOWING ALL THE NEW ZONE CONFIGURATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE BY OCTOBER 5 2001 /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/\\_wsom](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/_wsom)

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