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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-11  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
430 PM EST THU FEB 21 2002

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS  
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
/NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: JAMES E. LEE  
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: END-STATE WMO/AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS GO INTO EFFECT  
FOR WESTERN REGION WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES FIRE  
WEATHER PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE APRIL 2 2002

ON TUESDAY APRIL 2 2002...AT 1 AM PST /2 AM MST/...24 NWS  
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ IN THE WESTERN U.S. WILL COMPLETE  
TRANSITION TO END-STATE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/  
COMMUNICATION HEADERS FOR THEIR FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...SEE  
TABLE 1. THE SECOND LINE OF THE PRODUCT HEADER...KNOWN AS THE  
AWIPS IDENTIFIER...WILL ALSO BE FINALIZED TO REFLECT MODERN SITE  
LOCATION IDENTIFIERS /E.G... GTF /GREAT FALLS/ WILL BECOME TFX...  
ETC./. THIS WILL AFFECT FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS ISSUED BY OFFICES  
IN THE FOLLOWING STATES: OREGON...WASHINGTON...CALIFORNIA...  
ARIZONA...NEVADA...UTAH...IDAHO...AND MONTANA.

#### TABLE 1 - PRODUCTS AFFECTED

FWF ... FIRE WEATHER /PRE-SUPPRESSION/ FORECAST  
RWF ... RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH STATEMENT  
FWM ... MISCELLANEOUS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT - NATIONAL FIRE  
DANGER RATING SYSTEM TREND FORECAST  
FWO ... FIRE WEATHER OBSERVATION - NATIONAL FIRE DANGER  
RATING SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS  
SMF ... SMOKE MANAGEMENT FORECAST  
FWS ... SITE SPECIFIC /SPOT/ FORECAST  
FWL ... LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST  
RFD ... RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT  
FWN ... FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE  
FDI ... FIRE DANGER INDICES - NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING  
SYSTEM INDICES

TO ASSIST NWS CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH THIS TRANSITION...A  
SPECIAL WEB SITE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED. THE SITE LISTS ALL OF THE  
WESTERN REGION WFO FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND THEIR END STATE  
HEADERS. THE WEB SITE ADDRESS IS /USE LOWER CASE/:

<http://ww2.wrh.noaa.gov/public/wmoheaders/firewx.htm>

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL USERS OF NWS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM THE WESTERN U.S. MAKE SURE THAT THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DIRECTORIES EXACTLY MATCH THE HEADERS LISTED...STARTING ON APRIL 2. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL PREVENT HIGH PRIORITY FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FROM REACHING THEIR INTENDED AUDIENCE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS TRANSITION...PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN THE WESTERN REGION OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NWS WESTERN REGION CONTACTS IN SALT LAKE CITY UTAH:

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