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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-37  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
300 PM EDT WED JUN 5 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: IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST SERVICE CHANGES FOR  
DEEP SOUTH TEXAS...EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6 2002

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY AUGUST 6 2002 AT 400 A.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME  
/CDT/...1000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE AT BROWNSVILLE TX /BRO/ WILL MAKE  
CHANGES TO THEIR PUBLIC FORECAST PROGRAM. THE 7-DAY LOCAL  
FORECAST PRODUCT /LFP/ FOR DEEP SOUTH TEXAS WILL BE REPLACED BY  
THE 7-DAY ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT /ZFP/. ALSO...A 7-DAY GRAPHICAL  
FORECAST WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NOW PRODUCES A 7-DAY FORECAST FOR  
EVERY COUNTY IN SOUTH TEXAS. CONTINUED ADVANCEMENTS IN  
TECHNOLOGY HAVE LED TO MORE DETAILED FORECASTS...AS A RESULT THE  
ZFP PROVIDES AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE CURRENT LOCAL FORECAST  
PRODUCT FOR DEEP SOUTH TEXAS AREA. SEPARATE FORECASTS ARE ISSUED  
FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES...OR WHEN CONDITIONS WARRANT...FORECASTS  
FOR SEVERAL COUNTIES CAN BE GROUPED TOGETHER BASED ON SIMILAR  
WEATHER CONDITIONS.

GRAPHICAL 7-DAY FORECASTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WFO BROWNSVILLE  
WEB SITE AT:

[www.srh.noaa.gov/bro](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/bro)

THIS PROVIDES EVEN MORE CHOICES FOR OUR CUSTOMERS DEPENDING ON  
YOUR NEEDS.

CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT...WHICH  
USES THE UGC ZONE /Z/ CODE...SHOULD ADD THE COMMUNICATION  
IDENTIFIERS IN TABLE 1 TO THE APPROPRIATE DATABASES.

TABLE 1. LIST OF PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS SERVICE CHANGE.

CURRENT PRODUCT		REPLACEMENT PRODUCT	
WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID

FLUS84 KBRO LFPBRO FPUS54 KBRO ZFPBRO

REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING TABLE FOR ZONE CODES FOR COUNTIES IN THE WFO BROWNSVILLE AREA.

TABLE 2. ZONE CODES INVOLVED IN THIS SERVICE CHANGE.

COUNTY	UGC ZONE /Z/ CODE
ZAPATA	TXZ248
JIM HOGG	TXZ249
BROOKS	TXZ250
KENEDY	TXZ251
STARR	TXZ252
HIDALGO	TXZ253
WILLACY	TXZ254...TXZ256
CAMERON	TXZ255...TXZ257

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

RICHARD HAGAN	MELINDA BAILEY
METEOROLOGIST IN CHARGE	PUBLIC/MARINE METEOROLOGIST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE	NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
20 S. VERMILLION	SOUTHERN REGION HEADQUARTERS
BROWNSVILLE TX 78521	819 TAYLOR ST. RM 10A11
PHONE: 956-504-1432 X 222	FORT WORTH TX 76102
	PHONE: 817-978-2652 X 107

THIS AND ALL OTHER NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING URL ADDRESS /USE LOWER CASE/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm>

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