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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-07...UPDATED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
420 PM EST THU MAR 06 2003

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

FROM GLENN AUSTIN  
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT UPDATED - FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN SOUTHEAST GEORGIA  
AND SOUTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA...EFFECTIVE APRIL 30 2003

UPDATED EFFECTIVE DATE - THE EFFECTIVE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM  
MONDAY...MARCH 31 TO WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003. THE UPDATED ZONE  
MAP SHAPEFILE CAN NOW BE DOWNLOADED...SEE THE WEBSITE BELOW IN  
PARAGRAPH SEVEN /7/.

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY..APRIL 30 2003 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL  
TIME /UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...A NEW FORECAST ZONE  
WILL BE CREATED IN SOUTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA. JASPER COUNTY  
/CURRENTLY SCZ047/ WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PORTIONS...INLAND  
JASPER /SCZ047/ AND COASTAL JASPER /SCZ051/. THE BREAKPOINT LINE  
BETWEEN THE TWO NEW ZONES EXTENDS FROM 32.51N/80.84W TO  
32.29N/81.01W TO 32.08N 81.09W.

ALSO...IN GEORGIA...THE CURRENT BOUNDARY BETWEEN INLAND CHATHAM  
/GAZ118/ AND COASTAL CHATHAM COUNTY /GAZ119/ WILL BE REPOSITIONED  
TO LIE FROM 31.91N 81.20W TO 32.08N 81.09W. ZONE NAMES AND  
NUMBERS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

FINALLY...NORTHERN COLLETON /SCZ043/ AND SOUTHERN COLLETON  
/SCZ049/ ZONES IN SOUTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA WILL BE RENAMED...  
INLAND COLLETON /SCZ043/ AND COASTAL COLLETON /SCZ049/. ZONE  
BOUNDARIES AND NUMBERS REMAIN THE SAME...ONLY THE NAMES HAVE  
CHANGED.

THE CHANGES IN JASPER COUNTY WILL ALLOW FORECASTS TO BE MORE AREA  
SPECIFIC. THE CHATHAM COUNTY ADJUSTMENT WAS MADE FOR  
CLIMATOLOGICAL REASONS. THE CHANGES IN COLLETON COUNTY ALLOW THE  
PHRASEOLOGY TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER COUNTIES THAT ARE SPLIT  
ALONG THE COAST.

THESE CHANGES AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA /CHS/.  
REFER TO TABLE 1 FOR NEW ZONE NAMES AND CODES. PRODUCTS AFFECTED  
BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE REALIGNED ZONES IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm>

NWS CUSTOMERS WHO AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 1 USING THE Z FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ MAY NEED TO PROGRAM THE NEW Z CODES INTO THEIR SYSTEM/S/ NO LATER THAN APRIL 30 2003 TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE PRODUCTS.

TABLE 1. OLD AND NEW ZONE NAMES AND ZONE CODES /Z FORM OF THE UGC/.

NEW		OLD	
NEW ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/
INLAND JASPER	SCZ047	JASPER	SCZ047
COASTAL JASPER	SCZ051	-NEW ZONE-	-NEW-
INLAND COLLETON	SCZ043	NORTHERN COLLETON	SCZ043
COASTAL COLLETON	SCZ049	SOUTHERN COLLETON	SCZ049
-SAME NAME AND NUMBER BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES		INLAND CHATHAM	SCZ118
-SAME NAME AND NUMBER BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES		COASTAL CHATHAM	SCZ119

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

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS52 KCHS	ZFPCHS
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS72 KCHS	NPWCHS
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS42 KCHS	WSWCHS
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS82 KCHS	SPSCHS
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH/WARNING/STATEMENT	WHUS42 KCHS	CFWCHS
HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT	WTUS82 KCHS	HLSCHS
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS72 KCHS	NOWCHS
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS52 KCHS	FWFCHS
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS82 KCHS	RFWCHS
DIGITAL FORECAST	FOUS52 KCHS	RDFCHS
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KCHS	PNSCHS
COASTAL MARINE FORECAST	WHUS42 KCHS	CWFCHS
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	FGUS72 KCHS	ESFCHS
DROUGHT STATEMENT	FGUS52 KCHS	ESSCHS
FLOOD WATCH	WGUS62 KCHS	FFACHS
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS42 KCHS	HWOCHS
HYDROLOGIC TEMPERATURES/PRECIPITATION	SXUS52 KCHS	HYDCHS
ADDITIONAL WEATHER REPORTS	AXUS42 KCHS	MISCHS
RECREATIONAL FORECAST	SXUS42 KCHS	RECCHS
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS52 KCHS	RVDCHS
DAILY RIVER STATEMENT	FGUS82 KCHS	RVSCHS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNTY CODES USED FOR TORNADO...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM...AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS...AS WELL AS CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENTS...REMAIN UNCHANGED SINCE THOSE PRODUCTS USE THE COUNTY /C/ FORM OF THE UGC.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

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

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