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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-07...CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EST WED APRIL 2 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 CORRECTED - FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN SOUTHEAST GEORGIA
AND SOUTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA...EFFECTIVE APRIL 30 2003

CORRECTION IN TABLE 1. THE FIFTH ENTRY LINE HAS BEEN CORRECTED.
THE OLD UGCS WERE CHANGED FROM SC118 AND SC119 TO GA118 AND
GA119...RESPECTIVELY.

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 SYSTEMS/ 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 | GAZ118 |
| -SAME NAME AND NUMBER BUT MODIFIED BOUNDARIES | | COASTAL CHATHAM | GAZ119 |

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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