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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-11
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
400 PM EST FRI JAN 31 2003

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...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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

SUBJECT: FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA...
EFFECTIVE MARCH 31 2003

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...MARCH 31 2003 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL
TIME /UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...TWO NEW FORECAST
ZONES WILL BE CREATED IN NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA. WAYNE COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA /CURRENTLY PAZ040/ WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO
PARTS...NORTHERN WAYNE /PAZ040/ AND SOUTHERN WAYNE /PAZ072/. THE
BREAKPOINT LINE BETWEEN NORTHERN WAYNE AND SOUTHERN WAYNE ZONES
WILL EXTEND FROM 41.63N/75.46W - 41.60N/75.07W. THIS CHANGE WILL
ALLOW FORECASTS FOR WAYNE COUNTY TO BE MORE AREA SPECIFIC.

THESE CHANGES AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN BINGHAMTON NEW YORK /BGM/.
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 WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD BY FEBRUARY 10 2003 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 MARCH 31 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/
NORTHERN WAYNE	PAZ040	WAYNE	PAZ040
SOUTHERN WAYNE	PAZ072	WAYNE	PAZ040

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

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KBGM	ZFPBGM
DIGITAL FORECAST	FOUS51 KBGM	RDFBGM
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KBGM	HWOBGM
FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KBGM	FFABGM
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KBGM	NPWBGM
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KBGM	WSWBGM
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KBGM	SPSBGM
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KBGM	NOWBGM
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KBGM	FWFBGM
RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS81 KBGM	RFWBGM
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KBGM	PNSBGM
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	FGUS71 KBGM	ESFBGM
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	FGUS81 KBGM	RVSDBGM
HYDROMET DATA /PUBLIC/	SXUS51 KBGM	HYDBGM
RECREATIONAL FORECAST	SXUS41 KBGM	RECBGM
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KBGM	RVDBGM

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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THIS NOTICE AND OTHER NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING URL ADDRESS /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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