PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-37
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
255 PM EST THU JUL 10 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...NWS EMPLOYEES

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

SUBJECT    RESTRUCTURING OF PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND
WARNING PRODUCT COLLECTIVES AND MODERNIZING OF
COMMUNICATIONS HEADINGS...EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 3 2003

ON WEDNESDAY...SEPTEMBER 3 2003...AT 400 PM ALASKA DAYLIGHT TIME
/ADT/...800 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME /EDT/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA
WILL MODIFY SEVERAL OF THEIR PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER TEXT
PRODUCTS...INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED WINTER WEATHER AND
NON-PRECIPITATION WATCH...WARNING...AND ADVISORY STATEMENTS.

CURRENTLY...WFO ANCHORAGE ISSUES CERTAIN PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER
FORECAST AND WARNING PRODUCTS UNDER FOUR /4/ UNIQUE WMO HEADINGS
AND AWIPS IDS TO COVER THE ZONES WITHIN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF
RESPONSIBILITY.  THIS CHANGE WILL CONSOLIDATE THOSE ZONES INTO
TWO /2/ PRODUCT COLLECTIVES INSTEAD OF 4.  SEE TABLE 1 FOR A
COMPLETE LISTING OF THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND THE
NEW PROPOSED PRODUCTS.  TABLE 2 PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE
CHANGES.

THE FORMAT OF THE FORECASTS AND WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS
WILL NOT CHANGE...BUT THE LENGTH OF THE PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE
DUE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ZONES.

TABLE 1.  WFO ANCHORAGE PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS BEING
CONSOLIDATED.  NOTE W/W/A STANDS FOR WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY.

OLD            OLD
WMO HEADING    PRODUCT

FPAK51 PAFC  SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK52 PAFC  WRANGELL/CHUGACH PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK53 PAFC  SOUTH AND WEST ALASKA PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK54 PAFC  ALEUTIAN AND BERING PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FNAK51 PAFC  SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK52 PAFC  WRANGELL/CHUGACH ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST

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FNAK53 PAFC    SOUTH AND WEST ALASKA ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK54 PAFC    ALEUTIAN AND BERING ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK71 PAFC    SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA ZONE SPOT WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK72 PAFC    WRANGELL/CHUGACH SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK73 PAFC    SOUTH AND WEST ALASKA SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK74 PAFC    ALEUTIAN AND BERING SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
WWAK41 PAFC    SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK42 PAFC    WRANGELL/CHUGACH WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK43 PAFC    SOUTH AND WEST AK WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK44 PAFC    ALEUTIAN AND BERING WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK61 PAFC    SOUTH CENTRAL AK RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK62 PAFC    WRANGELL/CHUGACH RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK63 PAFC    SOUTH AND WEST AK RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK64 PAFC    ALEUTIAN AND BERING RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK71 PAFC    SOUTH CENTRAL AK NON PRECIPITATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK72 PAFC    WRANGELL/CHUGACH NON PRECIPITATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK73 PAFC    SOUTH AND WEST AK NON PRECIPITATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK74 PAFC    ALEUTIAN AND BERING NON PRECIPITATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK81 PAFC    SOUTH CENTRAL AK SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK82 PAFC    WRANGELL/CHUGACH SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK83 PAFC    SOUTH AND WEST AK SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK84 PAFC    ALEUTIAN AND BERING SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

NEW       NEW       PRODUCT
WMO HEADING    AWIPS ID  AWIPS ID  OF CHANGE
FPAK51 PAFC    ZFPAFC    ZFPAER    ADD PUBLIC ZONES AKZ125-131-
FNAK51 PAFC    FWFAFC    FWFAER    135-141-171 TO THE PRODUCTS
FNAK71 PAFC
WWAK41 PAFC    WSWAFC    WSWAER

TABLE 2. RESTRUCTURING OF PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND
WARNINGS UNDER EXISTING WMO HEADINGS.

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A WEB PAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW USERS TO VIEW SAMPLE PRODUCTS EXHIBITING THESE CHANGES. SEE EXAMPLES AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

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PARTNERS/CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING POINT OF CONTACT IF THEY BELIEVE THE CHANGES WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THEIR OPERATIONS

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