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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-76
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
12:15 PM EST MON DEC 29 2003

TO FAMILY SERVICE /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER WIRE
SERVICE /NWS/ 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 FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS TO REPLACE PUBLIC ZONE
NUMBERS IN FIRE WEATHER FORECAST PRODUCTS... EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 26 2004

ON FEBRUARY 26 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...
ALL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICES WILL BEGIN ISSUING
THE FIRE WEATHER PRE-SUPPRESSION FORECAST /FWF/ AND RED FLAG
WARNING /RFW/ WITH FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS INSTEAD OF PUBLIC
WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS IN THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/.

SHAPEFILES FOR THE FIRE WEATHER ZONES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD
AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata)

A LIST OF FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTORS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ANNUAL FIRE WEATHER OPERATING PLANS
AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT

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