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SUBJECT: FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND RED FLAG WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONES 609...610...AND 611 TRANSFERRING TO WFO PENDLETON FROM WFO PORTLAND...EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2004

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY APRIL 1 2004 AT 500 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME /PDT/...1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND RED FLAG WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONES 609...610...AND 611 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ PORTLAND OREGON /PQR/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ TO THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN PENDLETON OREGON /PDT/. TABLE 1 PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE ZONES BEING TRANSFERRED.

NWS CUSTOMERS WHO AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 2 MAY NEED TO REPROGRAM THEIR SYSTEM/S/ NO LATER THAN APRIL 1 2004 TO CONTINUE PROCESSING THE PRODUCTS ACCURATELY.

THE ZONE NUMBERS...NAMES...DESCRIPTION...AND SHAPEFILES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE FIRE WEATHER ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE AS A SHAPEFILE AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:


TABLE 1 OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONES TRANSFERRING TO WFO PENDLETON FROM WFO PORTLAND ON APRIL 1 2004

ZONE NUMBER ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

609 EAST SLOPE OF NORTHERN OREGON CASCADES
610 EAST SLOPE OF CENTRAL OREGON CASCADES
611 DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST /MINUS SISTERS RANGER DISTRICT/
TABLE 2 FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE ZONES BEING TRANSFERRED TO WFO PENDLETON ON APRIL 1 2004

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* THESE OLD PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST..BUT WILL COVER AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE PQR COUNTY WARNING AND FORECAST AREA.


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