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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-09
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
535 PM EST TUE MAR 2 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
/NWS/ CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS...AND USERS OF THE FIRE
WEATHER FORECAST...NWS EMPLOYEES

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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/:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm>

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

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	/NEW/ FNUS56 KPDT	/NEW/ FWFPDT
	* /OLD/ FNUS56 KPQR	* /OLD/ FWFPQR
LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST	/NEW/ FNUS56 KPDT	/NEW/ FWLPDT
	* /OLD/ FNUS56 KPQR	* /OLD/ FWLPQR
NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM FORECAST	/NEW/ FNUS86 KPDT	/NEW/ FWMPDT
	* /OLD/ FNUS86 KPQR	* /OLD/ FWMPQR
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	/NEW/ FNUS70 KPDT	/NEW/ RFWPDT
	* /OLD/ FNUS70 KPQR	* /OLD/ RFWPQR
RED FLAG WARNING	/NEW/ FNUS70 KPDT	/NEW/ RFWPDT
	* /OLD/ FNUS70 KPQR	* /OLD/ RFWPQR

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

THE REASON FOR THE SHORT ADVANCE LEAD TIME OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION IS BECAUSE USER MEETINGS WITH THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST COORDINATING GROUP'S FIRE WEATHER WORKING TEAM DID NOT OCCUR UNTIL FEBRUARY 2004. FIRE WEATHER USERS REQUESTED THAT THE TRANSFER OF SERVICES BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE START OF LAND MANAGEMENT SEASON...WHICH WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2004.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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