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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-49  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
340 PM EDT THU AUG 5 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  
AND PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: JAMES E. LEE  
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: PUBLIC FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION IN SOUTHERN  
MONTANA...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30 2004

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30 2004 AT 2100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL  
TIME /UTC/...100 PM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME /PST/...THE BOUNDARIES  
FOR MONTANA PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES 28...34...40...41...42 AND 56  
WILL BE MODIFIED. ADDITIONALLY...SIX NEW ZONES WILL BE CREATED  
...ZONES 63 THROUGH 68. THIS CHANGE WILL AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED  
BY THE NWS FORECAST OFFICE IN BILLINGS MONTANA.

AN EXPLICIT LIST OF IMPACTED PRODUCTS IS POSTED AT /USE LOWER  
CASE LETTERS/ UNDER THE LOCAL NEWS SECTION:

[HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/BILLINGS/INDEX.SHTML](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/billings/index.shtml)

THESE CHANGES ARE DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER  
REQUESTS FOR MORE DETAILED FORECASTS IN THE MOUNTAINS AND  
ADJACENT FOOTHILLS IN SOUTH CENTRAL MONTANA.

THE ZONE CONFIGURATION FOR THOSE ZONES WILL CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

NEW ZONES TO BE CREATED:

1. ZONE 63 - JUDITH GAP - MTZ063
2. ZONE 64 - PARADISE VALLEY - MTZ064
3. ZONE 65 - LIVINGSTON AREA - MTZ065
4. ZONE 66 - BEARTOOTH FOOTHILLS /DELINEATED BY THE 4500 FT AND  
6000 FT ELEVATIONS/ - MTZ066
5. ZONE 67 - ABSAROKEE/BEARTOOTH MTNS /ABOVE 6000 FT/ - MTZ067
6. ZONE 68 - CRAZY MTNS - MTZ068

ZONES THAT WILL BE CHANGED OR MODIFIED:

1. ZONE 28 - WHEATLAND BECOMES SOUTHERN WHEATLAND - MTZ028
2. ZONE 34 - STILLWATER BECOMES SOUTHERN STILLWATER - MTZ034
3. ZONE 40 - PARK COUNTY BECOMES NORTHERN PARK COUNTY - MTZ040

4. ZONE 41 - SWEET GRASS BECOMES NORTHERN SWEET GRASS - MTZ041
5. ZONE 42 - GOLDEN VALLEY MODIFIED TO REMOVE EXTREME NORTHERN PORTION OF COUNTY - MTZ042
6. ZONE 56 - WESTERN CARBON COUNTY BECOMES RED LODGE FOOTHILLS /DELINATED BY THE 4500 FT AND 6000 FT ELEVATIONS/ - MTZ056

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE OF THE REALIGNED BOUNDARIES IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm)

ALSO...A MAP SHOWING THIS ZONE COUNTY WARNING FORECAST AREA ASSIGNMENT CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/ UNDER THE LOCAL NEWS SECTION:

[HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/BILLINGS/INDEX.SHTML/](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/billings/index.shtml)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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