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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-07  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
300 PM EST FRI FEB 25 2005

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

FROM: DOUGLAS C. YOUNG  
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT:FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION IN NORTH  
CENTRAL OREGON AND SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON: EFFECTIVE  
APRIL 1 2005

ON FRIDAY...APRIL 1 2005...AT 1200 UTC...4 AM PACIFIC STANDARD  
TIME...THE BOUNDARY FOR OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONE 609 /EAST SLOPES  
OF NORTH OREGON CASCADES/ WILL BE EXPANDED NORTHWARD INTO  
SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON TO MEET WASHINGTON FIRE ZONE 681. THE  
EASTERN PORTION OF THIS EXTENSION WILL BE HIGHWAY 197 TO THE  
DALLES... ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER EAST TO BIGGS...TO HIGHWAY 97  
NORTH PAST GOLDENDALE TO SATUS PASS. THE AREA DESCRIBED ABOVE  
WILL NO LONGER BE IN FIRE WEATHER ZONE 631. THE WESTERN BOUNDARY  
OF THE NEW ZONE 609 CONFIGURATION WILL BE THE CURRENT WESTERN  
BOUNDARY OF OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONE 631. THE NEW NAME FOR FIRE  
WEATHER ZONE 609 WILL BE THE EAST SLOPES OF THE NORTH OREGON AND  
SOUTHERN WASHINGTON CASCADES.

THE REASON FOR THIS CHANGE IS THAT THIS AREA EXPERIENCES  
METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS THAT MORE CLOSELY MATCH THOSE FOUND IN  
OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONE 609. THE CONFIGURATION CHANGE IS  
REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT. NOTE THE WMO HEADING AND  
AWIPS ID ARE THE SAME:

FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNUS56 KPDT	FWFPDT

NAME CHANGE FOR ORZ609 ONLY

FROM: EAST SLOPES OF NORTH OREGON CASCADES

TO: THE EAST SLOPES OF THE NORTH OREGON AND SOUTHERN WASHINGTON  
CASCADES

EVEN THOUGH THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION FOR THIS CHANGE IS LESS THAN

120 DAYS... LOCAL FIRE WEATHER CUSTOMERS HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE AFFECTED AREA ARE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWERCASE LETTERS/:

[WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ZONE CONFIGURATION CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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