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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-09
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
915 AM EST MAR 3 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 AND PARTNERS...AND USERS OF THE FIRE
WEATHER FORECASTS...NWS EMPLOYEES

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

SUBJECT:CHANGE OF FIRE WEATHER RESPONSIBILITY AND FIRE WEATHER
ZONES AT WFO GAYLORD MICHIGAN...EFFECTIVE MARCH 15 2005

EFFECTIVE MARCH 15 AT 0000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...
THE NWS OFFICE IN GAYLORD MICHIGAN /APX/ WILL NO LONGER ISSUE
FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE SOUTHERN THREE QUARTERS OF
MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST (NF). FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THIS
PART OF MANISTEE WILL BE ASSUMED BY WFO GRAND RAPIDS. REFER TO
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-08.

ADDITIONALLY...WFO GAYLORD WILL RECONFIGURE ITS FIRE WEATHER
ZONES FOR ITS REMAINING FORECAST AREA.

MICHIGAN ZONE MIZ500 WILL NO LONGER BE USED.

FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS ISSUED BY WFO GAYLORD WILL USE NEW FIRE
WEATHER ZONES. THE FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBER AND THE DESCRIPTION
OF EACH OF THE FIVE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES ARE SHOWN BELOW.

ZONE NUMBER ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

MIZ016 EMMET...CHEBOYGAN...CHARLEVOIX...ANTRIM...OTSEGO
AND MONTMORENCY COUNTIES

MIZ020 LEELANAU...BENZIE...GRAND TRAVERSE AND KALKASKA
COUNTIES

MIZ031 MANISTEE...WEXFORD AND MISSAUKEE COUNTIES...
INCLUDING THE NORTHERN QUARTER OF MANISTEE NF

MIZ028 CRAWFORD...OSCODA...ROSCOMMON...OGEMAW AND GLADWIN
COUNTIES...INCLUDING WESTERN HURON NF

MIZ018 PRESQUE ISLE...ALPENA...ALCONA...IOSCO AND ARENAC
COUNTIES...INDLUDING EASTERN HURON NF

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS POLICY (NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805). THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS APPROVED BECAUSE ALL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL FIRE WEATHER CUSTOMERS ARE READY TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHANGE ON MARCH 15...AND THE BENEFITS FROM DOING SO WERE MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN PROVIDING THE REQUIRED 120 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD.

THE SHAPEFILES OF THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR BOTH WFO GRAND RAPIDS AND WFO GAYLORD ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SERVICE CHANGE AND/OR PRODUCT ADDITIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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