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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-17 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 330 PM EDT THU JUN 9 2005

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: ELI JACKS CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF FIRE WEATHER ZONES ISSUED BY WFO GAYLORD MICHIGAN...EFFECTIVE JULY 5 2005

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...JULY 5 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...1901 CENTRAL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME /CDT/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN GAYLORD MICHIGAN /APX/ WILL RECONFIGURE ITS FIRE WEATHER ZONES TO USE THE ONE COUNTY...ONE ZONE CONCEPT.

THE PRESENT FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND A DESCRIPTION OF EACH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ZONE NUMBER ZONE DESCRIPTION

MI ZN 016 EMMET...CHEBOYGAN...CHARLEVOIX...ANTRIM...OTSEGO AND MONTMORENCY COUNTIES

- MI ZN 020 LEELANAU...BENZIE...GRAND TRAVERSE AND KALKASKA COUNTIES
- MI ZN 031 MANISTEE...WEXFORD AND MISSAUKEE COUNTIES...INCLUDING THE NORTHERN QUARTER OF MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST /NF/
- MI ZN 028 CRAWFORD...OSCODA...ROSCOMMON...OGEMAW AND GLADWIN COUNTIES...INCLUDING WESTERN HURON NF
- MI ZN 018 PRESQUE ISLE...ALPENA...ALCONA...IOSCO AND ARENAC COUNTIES...INDLUDING EASTERN HURON NF

THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND A DESCRIPTION OF EACH WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

ZONE	NUMBER	ZONE	NAME/DESCRIPTION

ΜI	ΖN	016	EMMET

MI ZN 017 CHEBOYGAN

MI ZN 018 PRESQUE ISLE

MI ZN 019 CHARLEVOIX

ΜI	ΖN	020	LEELAN	JAUINC	LUDING	THE	NORTH	PORTION	OF	THE	SLEEPING	BEAR
			DUNES	NATIONAL	LABORA	ATORY	/NL/					

- MI ZN 021 ANTRIM
- MI ZN 022 OTSEGO
- MI ZN 023 MONTMORENCY
- MI ZN 024 ALPENA
- MI ZN 025 BENZIE...INCLUDING THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NL
- MI ZN 026 GRAND TRAVERSE
- MI ZN 027 KALKASKA
- MI ZN 028 CRAWFORD...INCLUDING WESTERN HURON NF
- MI ZN 029 OSCODA...INCLUDING CENTRAL HURON NF
- MI ZN 030 ALCONA...COUNTY INCLUDING NORTHEAST HURON NF
- MI ZN 031 MANISTEE...INCLUDING THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF MANISTEE NF
- MI ZN 032 WEXFORD...INCLUDING THE NORTHEAST PORTION OF MANISTEE NF
- MI ZN 033 MISSAUKEE
- MI ZN 034 ROSCOMMON
- MI ZN 035 OGEMAW...INCLUDING A SMALL PORTION OF CENTRAL HURON NF
- MI ZN 036 IOSCO...INCLUDING SOUTHEAST HURON NF
- MI ZN 041 GLADWIN
- MI ZN 042 ARENAC

A SHAPEFILE OF THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR WFO GAYLORD IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

THE REASON FOR THE SHORT ADVANCE LEAD TIME IS BECAUSE THESE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC//GRAPHICAL HAZARDS GENERATOR /GHG/. THEREFORE...IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE FIRE WEATHER ZONE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WFO DETROIT...WHICH IS PARTICIPATING IN THE BETA TEST OF VTEC/GHG...CAN TEST THE CHANGES.

IF YOU QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE CHANGE AND PRODUCT ADDITIONS...CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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