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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-29  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
1030 AM EDT FRI JUL 22 2005

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

FROM: ELI JACKS  
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF SOME PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES ISSUED BY  
WFO PENDLETON OREGON: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15 2005

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...NOVEMBER 15 AT 2200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL  
TIME /UTC/...1400 PACIFIC STANDARD TIME /PST/...THE NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN  
PENDLETON...OREGON /PDT/ WILL RECONFIGURE FOUR OF ITS PUBLIC  
FORECAST ZONES IN ITS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN OREGON AND ONE  
ZONE IN WASHINGTON TO CREATE EIGHT NEW FORECAST ZONES. THE  
CURRENT ZONES ARE LISTED IN TABLE 1. THE EIGHT NEW WASHINGTON AND  
OREGON ZONES ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

NWS CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO MAKE CHANGES TO PROPERLY RECEIVE WFO  
PENDLETON PUBLIC FORECAST AND WARNING PRODUCTS FOR THE  
RECONFIGURED ZONES.

TABLE 1: CURRENT PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES THAT WILL BE RECONFIGURED  
AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 2.

ZONE NUMBER/ ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION  
UGC CODE

WAZ025	EAST SLOPE OF THE SOUTHERN CASCADES
ORZ045	FOOTHILLS OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON
ORZ046	BLUE MOUNTAINS
ORZ047	JOHN DAY BASIN
ORZ048	OCHOCO-JOHN DAY HIGHLANDS

THE CURRENT WASHINGTON ZONE 25 /EAST SLOPES OF THE SOUTHERN  
CASCADES/ WILL BE SPLIT AT 46.5 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE FORMING  
TWO NEW EAST SLOPE ZONES /WASHINGTON 501 AND 502/.

THE CURRENT OREGON ZONE 46 /BLUE MOUNTAINS/ WILL BE SPLIT ALONG  
MCKAY CREEK WITH THE BORDER THEN RUNNING ROUGHLY PARALLEL BUT  
JUST SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 84 TO THE CURRENT OREGON ZONE 49 BORDER.

THIS WILL CREATE TWO NEW BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON ZONES /OREGON 502 AND 503/.

THE NORTHERN WHEELER/SOUTHERN GILLIAM COUNTIES ZONE /504/ WILL BE CREATED BY MERGING THE GILLIAM COUNTY PORTION OF THE CURRENT OREGON ZONE 45 /FOOTHILLS OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON/ WITH THE WHEELER COUNTY PORTION OF THE CURRENT OREGON ZONE 47 /JOHN DAY BASIN/ NORTH OF THE JOHN DAY RIVER. THE REMAINING ZONES 45 AND 47 WILL RETAIN THEIR NAMES BUT THE ZONE NUMBERS WILL CHANGE TO 501 AND 505...RESPECTIVELY.

THE CURRENT OREGON ZONE 48 /OCHOCO-JOHN DAY HIGHLANDS/ WILL BE EXTENDED NORTHWARD IN WHEELER COUNTY TO THE JOHN DAY RIVER. THE ZONE NAME WILL REMAIN THE SAME BUT THE NUMBER WILL CHANGE TO 506.

TABLE 2: NEW RECONFIGURED WFO PENDLETON ZONES...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15 2005.

ZONE NUMBER/ ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION  
UGC CODE

WAZ501 EAST SLOPES OF THE CENTRAL CASCADES  
WAZ502 EAST SLOPES OF THE SOUTHERN CASCADES

ORZ501 FOOTHILLS OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON  
ORZ502 NORTHERN BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON  
ORZ503 SOUTHERN BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON  
ORZ504 NORTHERN WHEELER/SOUTHERN GILLIAM COUNTIES  
ORZ505 JOHN DAY BASIN  
ORZ506 OCHOCO-JOHN DAY HIGHLANDS

UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805. THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS APPROVED SO THE CHANGE COULD TAKE EFFECT BEFORE THE START OF WINTER WEATHER SEASON.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS CHANGE... CONTACT:

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