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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-13...CORRECTED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
305 PM EDT FRI MAY 26 2006

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...NWS EMPLOYEES

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CORRECTED: CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRE  
WEATHER ZONES IN CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE MAY 12 2006

MODIFIED TO CORRECT THE ZONE NUMBER CAZ282 /TRINITY/ TO ZONE  
NUMBER CAZ283 IN TABLES 1 AND 2. LINES WITH CHANGES ARE  
INDICATED WITH DOUBLE PLUS SIGNS /++/. ZONE NUMBER CAZ282  
/SHASTA-TRINITY NF IN SISKIYOU COUNTY/ IS ALREADY IN USE BY WFO  
MEDFORD.

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY MAY 12 2006 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ IN EUREKA  
CALIFORNIA /EKA/...MEDFORD OREGON /MFR/ AND SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA /STO/ WILL IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA  
FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARIES AND ZONE DESCRIPTOR NAMES.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGES IS TO SUPPORT A MORE EFFICIENT  
FORECAST PROCESS AND PROVIDE NWS FIRE WEATHER CUSTOMERS WITH  
IMPROVED WATCH...WARNING AND FORECAST PRODUCTS. HISTORICALLY  
NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY FIVE LARGER ZONES  
RESULTING IN PLANNING FORECASTS THAT ARE TOO BROAD AND GENERIC.

CAZ201 - REDWOOD COAST STRIP  
CAZ202 - MENDOCINO COAST  
CAZ203 - INTERIOR DEL NORTE AND HUMBOLDT COUNTIES  
CAZ204 - UPPER TRINITY RIVER AND  
CAZ276 - INTERIOR MENDOCINO COUNTY

THE CHANGES BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR THIS SEASON WILL ESTABLISH 13  
ZONES MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH FIRE AGENCY DISPATCH BOUNDARIES  
AND CLIMATIC REGIMES.

ONCE THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED... THE NEW ZONES  
DESCRIBED IN TABLE 1 WILL BE USED IN ALL FIRE WEATHER FORECAST  
PRODUCTS ISSUED FOR NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA:  
TABLE 1: ZONE NUMBERS...NAMES/DESCRIPTORS AND GEOGRAPHICAL  
DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEW NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA FIRE WEATHER ZONES  
...EFFECTIVE MAY 12 2006.

CAZ201 - NORTH COAST

PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF THE COASTAL SECTIONS OF DEL NORTE...  
HUMBOLDT AND A SMALL PORTION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

CAZ202 - COASTAL MENDOCINO

THE REST OF COASTAL MENDOCINO COUNTY

CAZ203 - UPPER SMITH

INLAND PORTION OF THE SMITH RIVER DRAINAGE WITHIN THE SIX RIVERS  
NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ204 - LOWER MIDDLE KLAMATH

INLAND PORTION OF THE KLAMATH RIVER DRAINAGE WITHIN THE SIX  
RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST AND THE UKONOM DISTRICT OF THE KLAMATH  
NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ211 - HUPA

INCLUDING THE HOOPA INDIAN RESERVATION AND THE LOWER PORTION OF  
THE TRINITY RIVER DRAINAGE WITHIN THE SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ212 - VAN DUZEN/MAD RIVER

INLAND PORTION OF THE VAN DUZEN AND MAD RIVER DRAINAGES WITHIN  
THE SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ263 - SOUTHEAST EDGE OF SHASTA/TRINITY NF AND WESTERN  
PORTIONS OF TEHAMA-GLENN UNIT

SOUTHEAST EDGE OF SHASTA/TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST EXCLUDING THE  
SOUTH FORK MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OF THE SHASTA/TRINITY NATIONAL  
FOREST AND THE WESTERN PORTION OF TEHAMA-GLENN UNIT

CAZ264 - LAKE COUNTY PORTION OF THE SONOMA-LAKE-NAPA UNIT

THE LAKE COUNTY PORTION OF THE SONOMA-LAKE-NAPA UNIT EXCLUDING  
THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ276 - INTERIOR MENDOCINO

INTERIOR PORTION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY EXCLUDING THE NORTHEAST  
PORTION INCLUDING THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ277 - WESTERN MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST/EASTERN MENDOCINO  
UNIT

NORTHEAST CORNER OF MENDOCINO COUNTY AND THE COVELO AND UPPER  
LAKE DISTRICT OF THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST INCLUDING A  
PORTION OF LAKE COUNTY

CAZ279 - EASTERN MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST

GRINDSTONE DISTRICT OF THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST

CAZ280 - WESTERN KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST

WESTERN PORTION OF THE KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST EXCLUDING THE  
UKONOM DISTRICT OF THE KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST

++ CAZ283 – TRINITY /ZONE NUMBER CORRECTED/

WESTERN PORTION OF THE SHASTA TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST...  
INCLUDING THE TRINITY RIVER...SOUTH FORK MANAGEMENT UNITS AND  
SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

TABLE 2: NWS WATCH...WARNING AND FORECAST PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY  
THESE CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

FOR FIRE WEATHER ZONES

++ 201...202...203...204...211...212...276...277...283  
/282 CHANGED TO 283/

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS85 KEKA	RFWEKA
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS85 KEKA	RFWEKA
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNUS55 KEKA	FWFEKA
NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM FORECAST	FNUS85 KEKA	FWMEKA

FOR FIRE WEATHER ZONE 280

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS85 KMFR	RFWMFR
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS85 KMFR	RFWMFR
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNUS55 KMFR	FWFMFR
NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM FORECAST	FNUS85 KMFR	FWMMFR

FOR FIRE WEATHER ZONES 263...264...279

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS85 KSTO	RFWSTO
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS85 KSTO	RFWSTO
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNUS55 KSTO	FWFSTO
NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM FORECAST	FNUS85 KSTO	FWMSTO

NWS CUSTOMERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THESE ZONE CHANGES.

ALTHOUGH THIS NOTIFICATION IS LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 120 DAYS AS SPECIFIED BY NWSI 10-1805...THE NEW ZONE ADDITIONS PROPOSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION WERE REQUESTED BY...AND HAVE BEEN CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH... LOCAL FIRE WEATHER PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS TO BE READY TO GO WITH THIS CHANGE ON MAY 12.

THE SHAPEFILES OF THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR THE NWS OFFICES IN EUREKA...MEDFORD...AND SACRAMENTO ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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