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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-17
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1240 AM EDT THU APR 6 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

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

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE NAMES OF SOME FIRE WEATHER ZONES IN
CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2006

EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2006 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN SAN DIEGO
CALIFORNIA /SGX/ WILL IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO EXTREME SOUTHWESTERN
CALIFORNIA FIRE WEATHER ZONE NAMES. PLEASE NOTE...ONLY THE FIRE
WEATHER ZONE NAMES ARE CHANGING. THE ACTUAL ZONE BOUNDARIES AND
GEOGRAPHIC ATTRIBUTES OF THE FIRE WEATHER ZONES REMAIN THE SAME.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRE WEATHER ZONE NAME CHANGES IS TO SUPPORT
A MORE EFFICIENT FORECAST PROCESS AND PROVIDE NWS FIRE WEATHER
USERS WITH IMPROVED WATCH...WARNING AND FORECAST PRODUCTS.

ONCE THESE ZONE NAME CHANGES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED...THE
FOLLOWING ZONE NAMES WILL BE USED IN ALL FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WFO SGX FOR EXTREME SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA:

FIRE WEATHER

ZONE NUMBER NEW ZONE NAME

CA 242 ORANGE COUNTY COASTAL AREAS

CA 243 SAN DIEGO COUNTY COASTAL AREAS

CA 248 SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY VALLEYS-
THE INLAND EMPIRE

CA 250 SAN DIEGO COUNTY INLAND VALLEYS

CA 255 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MOUNTAINS-INCLUDING
THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND FRONT COUNTRY RANGER
DISTRICTS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL
FOREST

CA 256 RIVERSIDE COUNTY MOUNTAINS-INCLUDING THE
SAN JACINTO RANGER DISTRICT OF THE

SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST

CA 257 SANTA ANA MOUNTAINS-INCLUDING THE TRABUCO
RANGER DISTRICT OF THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL
FOREST

CA 258 SAN DIEGO COUNTY MOUNTAINS-INCLUDING THE
PALOMAR AND DESCANSO RANGER DISTRICTS OF
THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST

CA 260 VICTOR VALLEY-APPLE VALLEY-LUCERNE VALLEY-
YUCCA VALLEY-MORONGO VALLEY

CA 261 COACHELLA VALLEY-INCLUDING THE PALM SPRINGS
SOUTH COAST DESERT DISTRICT

CA 262 SAN DIEGO COUNTY DESERTS-INCLUDING THE
ANZA BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

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

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID

FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS86 KSGX	RFWSGX

RED FLAG WARNING WWUS86 KSGX RFWSGX

FIRE WEATHER PLANNING	FNUS56 KSGX	FWFSGX
FORECAST		

NATIONAL FIRE DANGER	FNUS86 KSGX	FWMSGX
RATING SYSTEM FORECAST		

THE CORRESPONDING ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CAN BE FOUND AT THE
FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm)

NWS CUSTOMERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THEIR
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THESE FIRE WEATHER ZONE
NAME CHANGES.

ALTHOUGH THIS NOTIFICATION IS LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 120 DAYS AS
SPECIFIED BY NWSI 10-1805...THE NEW ZONE NAMES PROPOSED FOR
IMPLEMENTATION WERE REQUESTED BY...AND HAVE BEEN CLOSELY
COORDINATED WITH...LOCAL FIRE WEATHER PARTNERS AND USERS TO BE
READY TO GO WITH THIS CHANGE ON MAY 1 2006.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE PRODUCT CHANGES...
PLEASE CONTACT:

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AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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