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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-14
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
800 AM EDT FRI MAR 16 2007

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

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND FIRE WEATHER WARNING
PRODUCTS FOR THE FAR WEST TEXAS COUNTIES OF EL PASO AND HUDSPETH:
EFFECTIVE APRIL 17 2007

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY APRIL 17 2007 AT 1:00 P.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME
/CDT/...1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE EL PASO AREA /EPZ/
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WILL BEGIN PROVIDING FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
AND FIRE WEATHER WARNING PRODUCTS FOR THE TEXAS COUNTIES OF EL PASO AND
HUDSPETH. THIS SERVICE IS BEING PROVIDED AT THE REQUEST OF LAND
MANAGEMENT AGENCIES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS AND REQUIRES THE
ADDITION OF TWO FIRE WEATHER ZONES /TXZ055 AND TXZ056/ DESCRIBED BELOW IN
TABLE 1.

TABLE 1: FAR WEST TEXAS FIRE WEATHER ZONE ADDITIONS FOR THE WFO EL PASO
AREA: EFFECTIVE APRIL 17 2007

FUTURE FIRE ZONE NUMBER	FUTURE FIRE ZONE NAME
TXZ055	FAR WEST TEXAS - EL PASO COUNTY
TXZ056	FAR WEST TEXAS - HUDSPETH COUNTY

THESE NEW FIRE ZONES EXACTLY MIMIC THE PUBLIC ZONES FOR THESE AREAS.

NWS CUSTOMERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THEIR
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE /Z/ UNIVERSAL
GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ AND ALIGNMENTS FOR THESE TWO COUNTIES. THESE
CHANGES AFFECT THE PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 2 BELOW AND DO NOT INVOLVE
PRODUCTS USING COUNTY /C/ UGC.

TABLE 2: FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT CATEGORIES INVOLVED IN THIS SERVICE
ENHANCEMENT

PRODUCT	AWIPS / WMO IDS
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FWF / FNUS54 KEPZ
FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING	RFW / WWUS84 KEPZ

ALTHOUGH THIS NOTIFICATION IS LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 120 DAYS AS SPECIFIED BY NWS INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-1805...THE NEW CONFIGURATION PROPOSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION WAS REQUESTED BY...AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH...LOCAL FIRE WEATHER PARTNERS AND USERS TO BE READY TO GO WITH THIS CHANGE ON APRIL 17 2007.

THE UPDATED ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

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