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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 /NWWS/ 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: 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 UNIVERSAL COORDINATED 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
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TXZ055	FAR WEST TEXAS - EL PASO COUNTY
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TXZ056	FAR WEST TEXAS - HUDSPETH COUNTY
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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 /UGC/ 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
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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 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 LETTERS/:

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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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