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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-17
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
907 AM EDT TUE MAR 11 2008

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SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF FIRE WEATHER ZONE GEOGRAPHIC
DESCRIPTIONS...NUMBERS AND NAMES FOR THE GREATER
SAN FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY BAY AREAS OF CALIFORNIA:
EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2008

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY APRIL 15 2008 AT 500 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME
/PDT/...1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WILL
RECONFIGURE ITS CURRENT FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR THE GREATER SAN
FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY BAY REGIONS OF CALIFORNIA /WFO MTR/. THE
ZONES WILL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY IDENTICAL TO ITS PUBLIC ZONES. THIS
RECONFIGURATION WILL HELP PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE BY AFFORDING
FORECASTERS THE FLEXIBILITY TO SEPARATE AND HIGHLIGHT SMALLER
ZONES TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT ONGOING AND PREDICTED FIRE
WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ALL WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER ZONE DESCRIPTIONS...NUMBERS AND NAMES
WILL CHANGE TO BECOME IDENTICAL WITH MTR PUBLIC ZONE
DESCRIPTIONS...NUMBERS AND NAMES.

TABLE 1: NEW WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND NAMES
EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2008. PLEASE NOTE THESE FIRE WEATHER ZONES
ARE IDENTICAL IN ZONE NUMBER...NAME AND DESCRIPTION TO WFO MTR
PUBLIC ZONES.

NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBER	NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE NAME
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CAZ505	COASTAL NORTH BAY...INCLUDING POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE
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CAZ506	NORTH BAY INTERIOR VALLEYS
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CAZ507	NORTH BAY MOUNTAINS
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CAZ006	SAN FRANCISCO
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CAZ508	SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE
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CAZ509 SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COAST
CAZ510 EAST BAY INTERIOR VALLEYS
CAZ511 EAST BAY HILLS AND THE DIABLO RANGE
CAZ512 SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS
CAZ513 SANTA CLARA VALLEY...INCLUDING SAN JOSE
CAZ516 SOUTHERN SALINAS VALLEY...ARROYO SECO...AND
LAKE SAN ANTONIO
CAZ517 SANTA LUCIA MOUNTAINS AND LOS PADRES
NATIONAL FORREST
CAZ518 MOUNTAINS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY AND INTERIOR
MONTEREY COUNTY INCLUDING PINNACLES
NATIONAL MONUMENT
CAZ529 NORTHERN MONTEREY BAY
CAZ530 SOUTHERN MONTEREY BAY AND BIG SUR COAST
CAZ528 NORTHERN SALINAS VALLEY...HOLLISTER
VALLEY...AND CARMEL VALLEY

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE OF THE RECONFIGURED FIRE WEATHER
ZONES IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE
/USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE RECONFIGURED ZONES CAN BE FOUND IN
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 07-57...RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC
FORECAST ZONES AND ZONE NUMBERS FOR THE GREATER MONTEREY BAY AREA
OF CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2008... AT /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIFICATION/SCN07-57_CALIF_ZONE_CHANGE.TXT](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn07-57_calif_zone_change.txt)

AND SCN 05-22...RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES FOR THE
GREATER SAN FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY BAY AREAS OF CALIFORNIA...
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20 2005 AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/OLD/SCN05-22ZONE_CHANGE_CA.TXT](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/old/scn05-22zone_change_ca.txt)

WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE ZONE CHANGES ARE
SHOWN IN TABLE 2 BELOW.

TABLE 2. WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY FIRE WEATHER
ZONE RECONFIGURATION.

FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT

WMO HEADING AWIPS ID

FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST FPUS56 KMTR FWFMTMTR

RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH WWUS86 KMTR RFWMTMTR

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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