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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-53  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
120 PM EDT MON AUG 25 2008

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
FLORIDA FIRE ZONE 008 /COASTAL WALTON/ TO WFO  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 19 2008

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19 2008 AT 0001 COORDINATED  
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN  
MOBILE ALABAMA WILL TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FULL SUITE OF  
FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR FLORIDA FIRE ZONE 008 /FLZ008 - COASTAL  
WALTON/ TO WFO TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA. THIS TRANSFER WILL IMPROVE  
FORECAST CONSISTENCY BETWEEN TRADITIONAL TEXT-BASED FIRE WEATHER  
FORECAST...WARNING AND WATCH PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WFO MOBILE AND  
THE NATIONAL GRIDDED FORECAST DATA BASE /NDFD/ FORECAST AND  
GRIDDED FIRE WEATHER HAZARD INFORMATION ISSUED BY WFO  
TALLAHASSEE.

AFTER 0001 UTC ON NOVEMBER 19 2008...ALL FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS  
FOR WALTON COUNTY /BOTH FIRE WEATHER ZONE FLZ007 - INLAND WALTON  
AND FIRE WEATHER ZONE FLZ008 - COASTAL WALTON/ WILL BE ISSUED BY  
WFO TALLAHASSEE FL:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNUS52 KTAE	FWFTAE
SITE-SPECIFIC /SPOT/ FORECAST	FNUS72 KTAE	FWSTAE
FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS82 KTAE	RFWTAE
SMOKE MANAGEMENT FORECAST	FNUS72 KTAE	SMFTAE

PERTINENT PERSONNEL...OFFICES AND AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THE  
ABOVE IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE  
THESE NWS PRODUCTS.

THE SUITE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS COVERED BY WFO MOBILE WILL NOT  
CONTAIN FLORIDA FIRE ZONE FLZ008 /COASTAL WALTON/ AFTER THIS  
TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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A FIRE WEATHER SHAPE FILE 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)

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS TRANSFER...PLEASE CONTACT

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