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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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