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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-58
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
945 AM EST MON NOV 03 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GRASSLAND FIRE DANGER INDEX
PRODUCT/SERVICE ISSUED BY THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE
/WFO/ AT WICHITA KANSAS...EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 9 2008

EFFECTIVE 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ ON TUESDAY
DECEMBER 9 2008 THE WFO AT WICHITA KANSAS WILL BEGIN ISSUING THE
GRASSLAND FIRE DANGER INDEX /GFDI/ ON AN OPERATIONAL BASIS. A
GFDI WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE WICHITA COUNTY
WARNING AREA /CWA/. THE GFDI FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED ONCE PER
DAY DURING THE FIRE WEATHER SEASON AS BOTH A TABULAR AND GRAPHIC
PRODUCT.

THE GFDI VALUES ARE DESCRIPTIVE TERMS /LOW...MODERATE...HIGH...
VERY HIGH...EXTREME/ THAT CORRESPOND TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT FIRES
WILL GET OUT OF CONTROL.

THE TABULAR PRODUCT /AWIPS ID RFDICT/ CONSISTS OF GFDI FORECASTS
EVERY 3 HOURS OUT TO 6 DAYS FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE CWA.

PERTINENT PERSONNEL/OFFICES/AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THE
FOLLOWING IDENTIFIER TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE
THIS NWS PRODUCT:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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RANGELAND FIRE DANGER FORECAST	FNUS63 KICT	RFDICT

THE GRAPHIC PRODUCT IS COLOR CODED TO SIGNIFY THE DESCRIPTIVE
TERMS...AND THE TIME RESOLUTION IS EVERY 6 HOURS OUT TO 6 DAYS.
THE GRAPHICAL PRODUCT IS ONLY FOR THE WFO WICHITA CWA.

THE GFDI GRAPHIC PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE VIA WFO WICHITA HOMEPAGE AT
/USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

[HTTP://WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/ICT](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ict)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT

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