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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-06  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
220 PM EST WED FEB 18 2009

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

FROM: ELI JACKS  
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FIRE AND PUBLIC ZONE CHANGES FOR KUSKOKWIM  
VALLEY ALASKA ZONE /AKZ151/ EFFECTIVE MAY 7 2009

ON THURSDAY MAY 7 2009 AT 0000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...WEDNESDAY MAY 6 AT 400 PM ALASKA DAYLIGHT TIME  
/ADT/...THE ANCHORAGE /ANC/ ALASKA WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/  
WILL SPLIT BOTH ITS KUSKOKWIM VALLEY FIRE WEATHER /FIRE ZONE  
AKZ151/ AND KUSKOKWIM VALLEY PUBLIC WEATHER ZONE /PUBLIC ZONE  
AKZ151/ INTO TWO PARTS. ONE PART OF EACH ZONE WILL REMAIN  
WITHIN THE NWS WFO ANCHORAGE COUNTY WARNING AND FORECAST AREA  
/CWFA/ AND THE OTHER PART WILL MOVE TO THE WFO FAIRBANKS /FAI/  
CWFA. THESE CHANGES WILL AFFECT ALL NWS PRODUCTS ISSUED FOR THE  
FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER PROGRAMS IN THE KUSKOKWIM VALLEY ZONE.

COINCIDENT WITH THE KUSKOKWIM VALLEY ZONE CHANGE...WFO ANC WILL  
BEGIN ISSUING A TERMINAL AERODROME FORECAST /TAF/ FOR SAND POINT  
AK. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MCGRATH AK TAF WILL TRANSFER FROM WFO  
ANC TO WFO FAI AK. A TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/  
ADDRESSING THE TAF CHANGES CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/TIN09-08TAF\\_ALASKA.TXT](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/TIN09-08TAF_ALASKA.TXT)

NWS WILL ALSO CHANGE THE HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES FOR  
THE KUSKOKWIM VALLEY. SEE THE SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE REFERENCED  
BELOW FOR DETAILS. /USE LOWERCASE/

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/SCN09-07KUSKOKWIM\\_HSA.TXT](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/SCN09-07KUSKOKWIM_HSA.TXT)

THIS ZONE CHANGE REQUIRES CERTAIN SUBSCRIBERS TO THE NOAA  
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ AND THE FAMILY OF SERVICES  
/FOS/...PRIMARILY CABLE TV OUTLETS...TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION  
TO RECEIVE THE ZONES USING THE UNIVERSAL GENERIC CODE /UGC/ ZONE  
CODE FORMAT /Z/ LISTED BELOW.

OLD FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/	CWFA
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KUSKOKWIM VALLEY	AKZ151	WFO ANCHORAGE AK

NEW FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/	CWFA
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LOWER KUSKOKWIM VALLEY	AKZ152	WFO ANCHORAGE AK
UPPER KUSKOKWIM VALLEY	AKZ227	WFO FAIRBANKS AK

FIRE WEATHER ZONES IN ALASKA ARE IDENTICAL IN GEOGRAPHY...NAME AND NUMBER WITH PUBLIC WEATHER ZONES.

A MAP SHOWING THE NEW ZONE CONFIGURATION AS WELL AS A LIST OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.ARH.NOAA.GOV/NEWZONE.PHP](http://www.arh.noaa.gov/newzone.php)

SHAPE FILES OF FIRE AND NEW PUBLIC WEATHER ZONES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

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

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE FOR PUBLIC/HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL ZONE CHANGES IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS POLICY (NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805). THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS APPROVED BECAUSE THIS CHANGE WAS NECESSITATED BY CRITICAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH LOCAL USERS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm)

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