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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
-NOAAPORT
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND 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 ALASKA.
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MCGRATH ALASKA TAF WILL TRANSFER FROM WFO ANC TO
WFO FAI AK. A TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE /TIN/ ADDRESSING THE TAF
CHANGES CAN BE FOUND AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/TINS/TIN09-08TAF_ALASKA.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/tins/tin09-08TAF_ALASKA.PDF)

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

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN09-07CCA_KUSKOKWIM_HSA.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn09-07CCA_KUSKOKWIM_HSA.PDF)

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 GEOGRAPHIC 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 ----
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/:

[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 LOWER CASE/:

[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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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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