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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-07
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...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA /HSA/ BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR
THE KUSKOKWIM VALLEY IN ALASKA: 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 KUSKOKWIM VALLEY HYDROLOGIC SERVICE ZONE /AKZ151/ WILL BE
SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS. ONE PART OF EACH ZONE WILL REMAIN WITHIN
THE NWS WFO ANCHORAGE COUNTY WARNING AND FORECAST AREA /CWFA/.
THE OTHER PART WILL MOVE TO THE WFO FAIRBANKS CWFA. THESE
CHANGES WILL AFFECT ALL NWS PRODUCTS ISSUED FOR THE HYDROLOGIC
SERVICES PROGRAM 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

NWS WILL ALSO CHANGE THE FIRE AND PUBLIC ZONE CHANGES FOR
KUSKOKWIM VALLEY ALASKA ZONE /AKZ151/. SEE THE SERVICE CHANGE
NOTICE REFERENCED BELOW FOR DETAILS. /USE LOWERCASE/

WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/SCN09-06KUSKOKWIM_ZONES.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 HYDROLOGIC SERVICES ZONE NAME UGC /Z/ CWFA

KUSKOKWIM VALLEY AKZ151 WFO ANCHORAGE AK

NEW HYDROLOGIC SERVICES ZONE NAME UGC /Z/ CWFA

LOWER KUSKOKWIM VALLEY AKZ152 WFO ANCHORAGE AK
UPPER KUSKOKWIM VALLEY AKZ227 WFO FAIRBANKS AK

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 THE NEW HYDROLOGIC SERVICE ZONES ARE AVAILABLE
FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES /USE LOWER CASE
LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/HYDRO/HTML/HSA.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/hydro/html/hsa.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 FURTHER 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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