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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-53
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1125 AM EST TUE DEC 8 2009

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER
ZONE COVERAGE FOR THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE AND BIG BEND
COUNTIES OF THE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA WEATHER FORECAST
OFFICE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2010

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY APRIL 1 2010 AT 0400 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME
/EDT/...0800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...SEVERAL FIRE AND
PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST ZONES WITHIN THE NWS TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA
/TAE/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WILL
BE CHANGED TO BETTER ACCOUNT FOR CLIMATOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY.

INLAND WALTON /FLZ007/ BECOMES NORTH WALTON /FLZ007/. THIS IS A
NAME CHANGE ONLY. NO CHANGE IS BEING MADE TO THE GEOGRAPHIC
EXTENTS OF THE ZONE.

THE REMAINING CHANGES SPLIT COASTAL PORTIONS OF COUNTIES OUT
INTO SEPARATE ZONES BASED UPON CLIMATOLOGY. THESE NEW COASTAL
ZONES ARE ASSIGNED NEW ZONE NAMES AND NUMBERS. THE REMAINING
NON-COASTAL PORTIONS OF COUNTIES RETAIN THEIR CLIMATOLOGY AND
THEIR ZONE NUMBERS BUT ARE RENAMED TO BETTER IDENTIFY THEIR
GEOGRAPHIC EXTENTS.

COASTAL WALTON /FLZ008/ BECOMES CENTRAL WALTON /FLZ008/ AND
SOUTH WALTON /FLZ108/.

BAY /FLZ012/ BECOMES INLAND BAY /FLZ012/ AND COASTAL BAY
/FLZ112/.

GULF /FLZ014/ BECOMES INLAND GULF /FLZ014/ AND COASTAL GULF
FLZ114/.

FRANKLIN /FLZ015/ BECOMES INLAND FRANKLIN /FLZ015/ AND COASTAL
FRANKLIN /FLZ115/.

WAKULLA /FLZ027/ BECOMES INLAND WAKULLA /FLZ027/ AND COASTAL
WAKULLA /FLZ127/.

JEFFERSON /FLZ018/ BECOMES INLAND JEFFERSON /FLZ018/ AND COASTAL JEFFERSON /FLZ118/.

TAYLOR /FLZ028/ BECOMES INLAND TAYLOR /FLZ028/ AND COASTAL TAYLOR /FLZ128/.

DIXIE /FLZ034/ BECOMES INLAND DIXIE /FLZ034/ AND COASTAL DIXIE /FLZ134/.

TABLE 1. NEW FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER ZONE /Z/ FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ AND NAMES FOR WFO TAE USERS:

NEW FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	NEW UGC /Z/	OLD FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/
NORTH WALTON	FLZ007	INLAND WALTON	FLZ007
CENTRAL WALTON	FLZ008	COASTAL WALTON	FLZ008
SOUTH WALTON	FLZ108	N/A	N/A
INLAND BAY	FLZ012	BAY	FLZ012
COASTAL BAY	FLZ112	N/A	N/A
INLAND GULF	FLZ014	GULF	FLZ014
COASTAL GULF	FLZ114	N/A	N/A
INLAND FRANKLIN	FLZ015	FRANKLIN	FLZ015
COASTAL FRANKLIN	FLZ115	N/A	N/A
INLAND WAKULLA	FLZ027	WAKULLA	FLZ027
COASTAL WAKULLA	FLZ127	N/A	N/A
INLAND JEFFERSON	FLZ018	JEFFERSON	FLZ018
COASTAL JEFFERSON	FLZ118	N/A	N/A
INLAND TAYLOR	FLZ028	TAYLOR	FLZ028
COASTAL TAYLOR	FLZ128	N/A	N/A
INLAND DIXIE	FLZ034	DIXIE	FLZ034
COASTAL DIXIE	FLZ134	N/A	N/A

UPDATED FIRE AND PUBLIC ZONE MAPS ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

AND

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

A GRAPHICAL DEPICTION OF WFO TAE/S NEW FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST ZONES IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/FLZONES.JPG](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/flzones.jpg)

ALL FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER PRODUCTS FROM WFO TAE THAT USE THE ZONE /Z/ UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ ARE AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES. PARTNERS AND USERS SHOULD TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE SYSTEM/S/ RECOGNIZE THE NEW UGC AND NEW ZONE ALIGNMENTS. THESE CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT PRODUCTS USING COUNTY /C/ UGC.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY
NWS POLICY /NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE SHORTER ADVANCE LEAD
TIME WAS NECESSITATED BY SOFTWARE ISSUES PREPARING THE
SHAPEFILES AND WAS APPROVED BECAUSE CURRENT USERS SHOULD NOT
HAVE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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