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SERV ICE CHANGE NOTICE 10-03...CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
310 PM EDT TUE MAR 16 2010

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARIES OF TWO FIRE
WEATHER ZONES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EFFECTIVE
MARCH 16 2010. NEW SHAPEFILE AVAILABLE AS OF
11:15 AM EDT ON MARCH 16 2010

CORRECTED THE FIRE WEATHER ZONE NAME OF CAZ228 TO MOJAVE DESERT
INCLUDING MORONGO VALLEY/YUCCA VALLEY INSTEAD OF MOJAVE
DESERT INCLUDING MORONGO VALLEY...YUCCA VALLEY.

THE NATIONAL FIRE WEATHER FORECAST ZONE SHAPEFILE WAS UPDATED AT
1115 AM EDT ON MARCH 16 2010. PARTNERS AND USERS OF THE NATIONAL
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST SHAPEFILE SHOULD DOWNLOAD THE LATEST VERSION
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY MARCH 16 2010 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN SAN DIEGO
CALIFORNIA /SGX/ AND THE NWS WFO IN LAS VEGAS NEVADA /VEF/ WILL
CHANGE TWO FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARIES AND ZONE DESCRIPTOR NAMES
IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CALIFORNIA /CAZ228 AND CAZ260/. THIS
CHANGE WILL MAKE THESE FIRE WEATHER ZONES IDENTICAL IN GEOGRAPHIC
EXTENT WITH THEIR PUBLIC ZONE COUNTERPARTS TO IMPROVE FIRE WEATHER
SERVICES FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CALIFORNIA AND ELIMINATE
CONFUSION BETWEEN THE TWO WFOS.

THE CORRESPONDING PUBLIC ZONE CHANGES...WHICH WERE EFFECTIVE
NOVEMBER 16 2004...ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE /USE LOWERCASE/:

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/SCN04-4_SO_CA_BOUNDCHG.TXT](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/scn04-4_so_ca_boundchg.txt)

ONCE THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED...THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHICAL
DESCRIPTORS WILL BE USED FOR ALL FIRE WEATHER FORECAST PRODUCTS
ISSUED FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CALIFORNIA:

WFO FIRE WEATHER ZONE DESCRIPTOR

ZONE NUMBER

VEF CAZ228 MOJAVE DESERT INCLUDING MORONGO
VALLEY/YUCCA VALLEY

CAZ228 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: THIS INCLUDES THE MAJORITY OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY/S DESERT AREAS...EXCLUDING THE AREA ASSIGNED TO WFO SAN DIEGO...EXCLUDING THE JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK ASSIGNED TO WFO PHOENIX AND EXCLUDING THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER VALLEY /CAZ229/

SGX CAZ260 VICTOR VALLEY-APPLE VALLEY-LUCERNE
VALLEY-JOHNSON VALLEY

CAZ260 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: THIS INCLUDES THE PORTION OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SOUTH OF A LINE EXTENDING FROM THE INTERSECTION OF KERN...LOS ANGELES...AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA...WEST OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA...NORTHWEST OF A LINE EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA THEN FOLLOWING ALONG MIKISKA BOULEVARD TO THE 4000 FOOT ELEVATION CONTOUR...AND THE AREA NORTH OF THE 4000 FOOT CONTOUR FROM THIS POINT WESTWARD TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LINE BUT NOT INCLUDING ANY PORTION OF THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST.

A MAP OF THESE NEW ZONES IS AVAILABLE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/CA_ZONES.GIF](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/ca_zones.gif)

NWS FIRE WEATHER WATCH...WARNING AND FORECAST PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WFO VEF /FIRE WEATHER ZONE CAZ228/

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS86 KVEF	RFWVEF
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS86 KVEF	RFWVEF
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING	FNUS56 KVEF	FWFVEF
FORECAST		

WFO SGX /FIRE WEATHER ZONE CAZ260/

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS85 KSGX	RFWSGX
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS85 KSGX	RFWSGX
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING	FNUS55 KSGX	FWFSGX
FORECAST		

USERS OF THESE PRODUCTS SHOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THESE ZONE CHANGES.

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