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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 10-37
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110 PM EDT FRI JUL 23 2010

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FROM: ELI JACKS
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SUBJECT: A SPLIT OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY AND FAYETTE COUNTY
FIRE AND PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
EFFECTIVE MONDAY NOVEMBER 15 2010

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TIME /EST/...1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS
PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO PBZ/ WILL
SPLIT TWO FIRE AND PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES INTO FOUR NEW ZONES.

WESTMORELAND PENNSYLVANIA...CURRENTLY PAZ030...WILL SPLIT INTO
WESTMORELAND /PAZ073/ AND WESTMORELAND RIDGES /PAZ074/.

FAYETTE PENNSYLVANIA...CURRENTLY PAZ032...WILL SPLIT INTO
FAYETTE /PAZ075/ AND FAYETTE RIDGES /PAZ076/.

THESE CHANGES APPLY TO BOTH FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER ZONES.

TABLE 1. ZONE /Z/ FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/
AND FIRE/PUBLIC FORECAST ZONE NAMES/NUMBERS FOR WFO PBZ USERS:

NEW ZONE NAME	NEW UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/
WESTMORELAND	PAZ073	WESTMORELAND	PAZ030
WESTMORELAND RIDGES	PAZ074	WESTMORELAND	PAZ030
FAYETTE	PAZ075	FAYETTE	PAZ032
FAYETTE RIDGES	PAZ076	FAYETTE	PAZ032

THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FORECASTERS TO FOCUS ON DISTINCT
CLIMATE REGIMES AND MORE AREA SPECIFIC FORECAST AND WARNINGS.

A GRAPHICAL DEPICTION OF THE NEW FIRE AND PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES
IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ERH.NOAA.GOV/PBZ/WESTMORELANDANDFAYETTE_CHANGES.HTM](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/pbz/westmorelandandfayette_changes.htm)

TABLE 2. WFO PITTSBURGH PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES

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PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
AIR QUALITY ALERT	AEUS71 KPBZ	AQAPBZ
AIR QUALITY FORECAST	AEUS71 KPBZ	AQIPBZ
AREA FORECAST DISCUSSION	FXUS61 KPBZ	AFDPBZ
AREA FORECAST MATRICES	FOUS51 KPBZ	AFMPBZ
DAILY HYDROMET DATA SUMMARY	SXUS51 KPBZ	HYDPBZ
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KPBZ	RVDPBZ
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KPBZ	FWFPBZ
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS81 KPBZ	RFWPBZ
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KPBZ	FFAPBZ
FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KPBZ	FFAPBZ
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KPBZ	HWOPBZ
HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT	WTUS81 KPBZ	HLSPBZ
EARTHQUAKE REPORT	SEUS61 KPBZ	EQRPBZ
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	FGUS71 KPBZ	ESFPBZ
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	FGUS81 KPBZ	RVSPBZ
HYDROLOGIC SUMMARY	SRUS41 KPBZ	RVAPBZ
NON-PRECIPITATION MESSAGE	WWUS71 KPBZ	NPWPBZ
POINT FORECAST MATRICES	FOUS51 KPBZ	PFMPBZ
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KPBZ	PNSPBZ
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS81 KPBZ	RFWPBZ
SHORT TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KPBZ	NOWPBZ
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KPBZ	SPSPBZ
WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE	WWUS41 KPBZ	WSWPBZ
ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	FPUS51 KPBZ	ZFPPBZ

THOSE AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES SHOULD TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION SO THEIR SYSTEM/S/ RECOGNIZE THE NEW ZONE /Z/ UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGC/ AND THE NEW ZONE ALIGNMENTS FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

AN UPDATED PUBLIC ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

AN UPDATED FIRE ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE IS 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)

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NATIONAL SCNS ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

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

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