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Subject: Transfer of Hydrologic Services in Northern Arizona: Effective
May 10, 2011

Effective Tuesday May 10, 2011, at 900 am Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), 1500 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), hydrologic service responsibility for river forecast locations in Mohave County, AZ, from the Utah/Arizona border south to the Colorado River, will be transferred from the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Salt Lake City, UT, (WFO SLC) to the WFO in Las Vegas, NV (WFO VEF). This transfer will include the river forecast point at Littlefield, AZ, on the Virgin River.

Additionally, hydrologic service responsibility for Coconino County, AZ, from the Utah/Arizona border south to the Colorado River will be transferred from WFO Salt Lake City to WFO Flagstaff, AZ (WFO FGZ). These changes will align Hydrologic Service Areas and County Warning Areas to enable more efficient service. See Table 1 for details on the river forecast points to be transferred to WFO Las Vegas from WFO Salt Lake City on May 10, 2011.

Because of this transfer, customers must take appropriate action to receive the products listed in Table 2 for Virgin River forecast points in Mohave County in Arizona using the VEF identifier.

Updated hydrologic service area shapefiles are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/hydro/html/hsa.htm>

Table 1: River Forecast Points Transferring to WFO Las Vegas

Forecast Point -----	County -----	County Identifier -----
Virgin River at Littlefield	Mohave	VLTA3

Table 2: Products Affected by this Change for the Virgin River in Arizona. Headers referred to as new are existing headers that will be used after the transfer.

Product -----		WMO Header -----	AWIPS ID -----
Flood Statement	/New/	WGUS85 KVEF	/New/ FLSVEF
	/Old/	WGUS85 KSLC*	/Old/ FLSSLC
Flood Warning	/New/	WGUS45 KVEF	/New/ FLWVEF
	/Old/	WGUS45 KSLC*	/Old/ FLWSLC
Flood Watch	/New/	WGUS65 KVEF	/New/ FFAVEF
	/Old/	WGUS65 KSLC*	/New/ FFASLC
Hydrologic Outlook	/New/	FGUS75 KVEF	/New/ ESFVEF
	/Old/	FGUS75 KSLC	/Old/ ESFSLC
Hydrologic Summary	/New/	SRUS45 KVEF	/New/ RVAVEF
	/Old/	SRUS45 KSLC	/Old/ RVASLC
Daily River and Lake Summary	/New/	FGUS55 KVEF	/New/ RVDVEF
	/Old/	FGUS55 KSLC	/Old/ RVDSLC
River Statement	/New/	FGUS85 KVEF	/New/ RVSVEF
	/Old/	FGUS85 KSLC*	/Old/ RVSSLC

*These old products will continue to exist, but will cover areas outside of the VEF county warning and forecast area.

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