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SUBJECT: Implementation of Improved Fire and Public Weather  
Coverage for Southwest Louisiana Effective  
December 15, 2011

Effective Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 1200 pm Central  
Standard Time, 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the  
NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Lake Charles (LCH),  
LA, will reconfigure its fire and public weather forecast zone  
for Cameron (LAZ051) Parish in southwest Louisiana.

This reconfiguration will provide better forecast services by  
splitting this parish into separate western and eastern fire and  
public weather forecast zones due to the large meteorological,  
climatological, and geographical differences from west to east.

The fire and public weather forecast zone for Cameron (LAZ051)  
Parish will be split to form West Cameron (LAZ073) and East  
Cameron (LAZ074). This split will account for tropical cyclone,  
fire weather, and winter weather impacts that only affect one  
portion of this parish and not the other.

These changes require partners and users to take appropriate  
action to receive the new zone products using the Universal  
Generic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1. New Fire and Public Zone Configuration Identifiers

NEW FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	UGC (Z)	EXISTING FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	UGC (Z)
WEST CAMERON	LAZ073	CAMERON	LAZ051
EAST CAMERON	LAZ074	CAMERON	LAZ051

More detail regarding this change, including greater detail  
regarding why these fire and public zone changes are being made,  
graphical depictions of the current and new fire and public

zones and a table of affected WFO LCH products is available online at:

[http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lch/?n=cameron\\_zonereconfig](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lch/?n=cameron_zonereconfig)

Updated fire and public weather forecast zone shapefiles are online at:

[www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm](http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm)  
and

[www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm](http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm)

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