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SUBJECT: Modification of Fire and Public Weather Zone  
Boundary between the Yukon Delta and Lower Yukon  
Valley Zones in Western Alaska Effective  
October 13, 2011

Effective Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 1000 AM Alaska Daylight Time (ADT), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Fairbanks, AK, Weather Forecast Office (WFO AFG) will modify the boundary between the western Alaska fire and public forecast zones of the Yukon Delta (PKZ214) and Lower Yukon Valley (PKZ215).

Table 1. Zone (Z) Form of the Universal Geographic Code (UGC) and Fire/Public Forecast Zone Names/Numbers for WFO AFG Users

Fire/Public Zone Name	Fire/Public Zone Number	UGC (Z)
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Yukon Delta	PKZ214	
Lower Yukon Valley	PKZ215	

This change will modify the shapefiles for fire and public weather forecast zones PKZ214 and PKZ215 in western Alaska. Currently the fire and public weather forecast zone for the Lower Yukon Valley (PKZ215) includes the village of Marshall, Alaska. With this change the village of Marshall, Alaska will be part of the Yukon Delta fire/public zone (PKZ214).

A graphical depiction and detailed explanation of this zone modification is available online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/fire/akzone.pdf>

All WFO AFG fire and public weather products that use the zone (Z) form of the UGC are affected.

Table 2. Affected WFO AFG Products

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADER	AWIPS ID
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	WOAK49 PAFG	CEMAFG
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNAK52 PAFG	FWFWCZ
FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING	WWAK62 PAFG	RFWWCZ
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	WGAK79 PAFG	FFSAFG
FLASH FLOOD WARNING	WGAK59 PAFG	FFWAFG
FLASH FLOOD WATCH/FLOOD WATCH	WGAK69 PAFG	FFAAFG
FLOOD STATEMENT	WGAK89 PAFG	FLSAFG
FLOOD WARNING	WGAK49 PAFG	FLWAFG
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWAK72 PAFG	NPWWCZ
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPAK52 PAFG	ZFPWCZ
RIVER STATEMENT	FGAK89 PAFG	RVSAFG
SEVERE THUNDESTORM WARNING	WUAK59 PAFG	SVRAFG
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWAK82 PAFG	SPSWCZ
TORNADO WARNING	WFAK59 PAFG	TORAFG
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWAK42 PAFG	WSWWCZ

Partners and users affected by these changes need to take the appropriate action to ensure their systems will update the shapefiles for these fire and public zone realignments for Yukon Delta and the Lower Yukon Valley zones of western Alaska.

An updated public zone map shapefile is online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm>

An updated fire zone map shapefile is online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm>

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