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Subject: Changes to Some Public Weather Forecast Zones in
Northeastern and Central Nevada: Effective April 3, 2012

Effective Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 1200 Coordinated Universal
Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Elko (LKN),
NV, will modify some of its public weather forecast zones
covering southwestern and south-central Elko County and northern
Nye County, Nevada.

The Southwest and South-Central Elko County (NVZ032) zone will
be split into two new zones, Southwestern Elko County (NVZ038)
zone and South-Central Elko County (NVZ039) zone. The new zones
will be separated by the Ruby Mountains/East Humboldt Range
(NVZ034) zone.

Northern Nye County (NVZ013) zone would also be split into two
zones, Northwestern Nye County (NVZ040) zone and Northeastern
Nye County (NVZ041) zone. This change will allow more localized
products for this large geographically and climatologically
diverse region and provide a way to better focus on the majority
of the population residing in the Northwestern Nye County zone.

Minor changes will also be made to the geographic extents of the
Ruby Mountains/East Humboldt Range NVZ034) zone and the White
Pine County (NVZ035) zone in order to improve associations of
weather regimes and forecast zones.

Extreme Eastern Elko County (NVZ033) zone will be renamed
Southeastern Elko County but retain its zone number.
Table 1: New and Old WFO LKN Public Weather Forecast Zones

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NVZ034 – Minor boundary changes

NVZ035 – Minor boundary changes

These changes will improve public weather services for WFO LKN partners and users by better associating zone areas with weather regimes and population distribution.

Additional information regarding these changes, including text descriptions of the new zones, a listing of affected products and graphical depictions of the old/new zones is online at:


NWS partners and users will need to make the necessary changes to their communication systems to accommodate these zone changes.

A shapefile of the new public weather zones for NWS LKN is online at:

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