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Subject: Changes in Fire Weather Forecast Zones for Middle and East
Tennessee: Effective March 6, 2012

Effective Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 7:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST),
1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs)
in Morristown (MRX) and Nashville (OHX), Tennessee, will reconfigure their
fire weather forecast zones with respect to Moore County, TN.
Specifically, Moore County, TN, will become part of WFO OHX, renamed
TNZ502, Highland Rim District - South (old zone name Tennessee Forest
District 5 South). Currently, this zone is part of WFO MRX, named TNZ300,
Cumberland District - South (old zone name Tennessee Forest District 3).

After this zone change, all fire weather forecasts and products for Moore
County, TN, will be contained in the standard suite of fire weather
products issued by WFO OHX. In addition, the following Tennessee Forest
(TF) District names will become effective on March 6, 2012:

Zone Code	Old Zone Name	New Zone Name
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TNZ150	TF District 1	East Tennessee District-East
TNZ200	TF District 2	East Tennessee District-West
TNZ300	TF District 3	Cumberland District-South
TNZ400	TF District 4	Cumberland District-North
TNZ501	TF District 5 North	Highland Rim District-North
TNZ502	TF District 5 South	Highland Rim District-South

These changes have been requested by the Tennessee Division of Forestry
(TN DOF) and are reflected in its current policy.

Partners and users of WFO MRX and OHX fire weather products will need to
update their system(s) to continue receiving correct fire weather
forecasts/products.

An updated fire weather zone map shapefile containing the new zones is
online at:

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

If you have any questions or comments about this reconfiguration of fire weather zones or the TN Fire District name changes, please contact:

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