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Subject: Changes in Fire Weather Forecast Zone Names for
 Utah Effective April 4, 2013

Effective Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 600 AM Mountain Daylight Time, 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in Salt Lake City, Utah (SLC), and Grand Junction, Colorado (GJT), will rename four fire weather forecast zones.

Table 1: Changed WFO SLC, UT, Fire Weather Forecast Zone Names

Zone Code	Old Zone Name	New Zone Name
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UTZ484	Western Book Cliffs	Tavaputs Plateau
UTZ488	Manti-La Sal National Forest	Manti National Forest
UTZ494	Canyonlands	Henry Mountains

Table 2: Changed WFO GJT, CO, Fire Weather Forecast Zone Name in UT:

Zone Code	Old Zone Name	New Zone Name
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UTZ487	Eastern Book Cliffs	Book Cliffs

These are fire weather forecast zone name changes only. No change is being made to fire weather forecast zone geographic extents or zone numbers.

WFO SLC has fire weather forecast responsibility for approximately the western two-thirds of Utah, while WFO SLC and WFO GJT share fire weather forecast responsibility for the eastern one-third of Utah. Uintah Basin, Moab and Richfield Interagency Fire Centers (IFC) requested these name changes. These fire weather product users felt that a different naming convention would better serve their needs. These changes have also been coordinated with the Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center, Utah Interagency Fire Centers, and other fire weather partners and users in Utah.

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>

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

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