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Subject: Changes in Coastal Fire and Public Weather Forecast  
Zones for NWS Weather Forecast Office Tampa Bay, FL,  
Across Portions of West and Southwest Florida, Effective  
December 3, 2013

Effective Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 3:00 PM Eastern Standard  
Time (EST), 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), most coastal  
fire and public weather forecast zones for NWS Weather Forecast  
Office (WFO) Tampa Bay (TBW), FL, will be split into two zones, a  
coastal zone and an inland zone. The only coastal zone exception  
is for Pinellas County (FZZ050), which is on a peninsula, has  
minimal inland extent, and will remain unchanged.

These changes will provide increased flexibility and improved  
accuracy of forecast and various watches, warnings and advisories  
in the public and fire weather programs.

Table 1: Current WFO TBW coastal fire and public weather  
forecast zones:

Current Fire/Public Zone Name	Current UGC (Z)
Levy	FLZ039
Citrus	FLZ042
Hernando	FLZ048
Pasco	FLZ049
Hillsborough	FLZ051
Manatee	FLZ055
Sarasota	FLZ060
Charlotte	FLZ062
Lee	FLZ065
Pinellas	FLZ050

Table 2: New WFO TBW coastal and inland fire and public weather  
forecast zones:

New Fire/Public Zone Name	New UGC (Z)
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Inland Levy	FLZ239
Coastal Levy	FLZ139
Inland Citrus	FLZ242
Coastal Citrus	FLZ142
Inland Hernando	FLZ248
Coastal Hernando	FLZ148
Inland Pasco	FLZ249
Coastal Pasco	FLZ149
Inland Hillsborough	FLZ251
Coastal Hillsborough	FLZ151
Inland Manatee	FLZ255
Coastal Manatee	FLZ155
Inland Sarasota	FLZ260
Coastal Sarasota	FLZ160
Inland Charlotte	FLZ262
Coastal Charlotte	FLZ162
Inland Lee	FLZ265
Coastal Lee	FLZ165
Pinellas (unchanged)	FLZ050 (UGC Unchanged)

Table 3: WFO Tampa Bay products affected by the changes in coastal fire and public weather forecast zones:

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hazardous Weather Outlook	FLUS42 KTBW	HWOTBW
Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS82 KTBW	HLSTBW
Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	WTNT81 KNHC	TCVAT1-5
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS42 KTBW	CFWTBW
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS52 KTBW	SRFTBW
Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS52 KTBW	FWFTBW
Fire Weather Message	WWUS82 KTBW	RFWTBW
Fire Danger Statement	FNUS62 KTBW	RFDTBW
Dispersion Forecast Update	FNUS72 KTBW	SMFTBW
Zone Forecast	FPUS52 KTBW	ZFPTBW
Short Term Forecast	FPUS72 KTBW	NOWTBW
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS52 KTBW	PFMTBW
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS62 KTBW	SFTTBW
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
Public Information Statement	NOUS42 KTBW	PNSTBW
Non-Precipitation Warnings	WWUS72 KTBW	NPWTBW
Flood Watch	WGUS62 KTBW	FFATBW
Special Weather Statement	WWUS82 KTBW	SPSTBW
Winter Weather Message	WWUS42 KTBW	WSWTBW
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS62 KTBW	AFDTBW
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS72 KTBW	ESFTBW

Please take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new fire and public weather forecast names, numbers (UGC – Z) and geographic extents. These changes do not affect products

using county (C) UGC.

Updated fire and public zone map shapefiles are online at:

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

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

A graphical depiction of WFO TBWs new fire and public Weather forecast zones is online:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rtimages/tbw/TopNews/TBWzonechanges.pdf>

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