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Subject: Change in NWS Storm Prediction Center (SPC) "SEE TEXT"
Information in Day 1 and Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook Products for CONUS
only: Effective November 26, 2013

Effective Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at 1500 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the SPC will replace the currently displayed "SEE TEXT" reference in its Day 1 and Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook products with graphical depictions of areas of Elevated Risk and areas of Isolated Dry Thunderstorms. In addition, currently defined Dry Thunderstorm areas will be relabeled as Scattered Dry Thunderstorms. No changes will be made to the current Critical and Extreme Fire Weather areas.

Table 1: Affected NCEP SPC Products

Product -----	WMO Header -----	AWIPS ID -----
Day 1 Areal Fire Weather Outlook Outline Points	FNUS31 KWNS	PFWFD1
Day 2 Areal Fire Weather Outlook Outline Points	FNUS32 KWNS	PFWFD2
Day 1 Redbook Graphics	PMWE98 KWNS	RBGFW1
Day 2 Redbook Graphics	PMWI98 KWNS	RBGFW2
Critical Fire Weather Grids Day 1	LDIY10 KWNS	N/A
Critical Fire Weather Grids Day 2	LDIY20 KWNS	N/A

No changes will be made to the Fire Weather Outlook text products (FNUS21 KWNS/FWDDY1 AND FNUS22 KWNS/FWDDY2).

In the Fire Weather Outlook Areal Outline Points products, SPC will label the new Elevated Risk areas ELEV, while the Critical Risk areas will continue to be labeled CRIT and the Extreme Risk areas labeled EXTM. The new Isolated Dry Thunderstorm areas will be labeled IDRT and Scattered Dry Thunderstorm areas will be labeled SDRT.

The Critical Fire Weather Grids will use a label value of 5 for the new Elevated Risk areas and continue to use label values of 8 for Critical areas and 10 for Extreme areas. The Dry Thunderstorm Grids will use a label value of 5 for the new Isolated Dry Thunderstorms and continue to use a label value of 8 for Scattered Dry Thunderstorms.

Examples of the new SPC Day 1 and Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook Areal Outline Points products and graphics are online at:

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov/exper/FWSCNExample/>

NCEP SPC will begin issuing "preview" web graphics beginning September 24, 2013, in advance of them becoming operational:

http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/fire_wx/fwd1.html and
http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/fire_wx/fwd2.html

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