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Subject: New Public Zones and Boundary Changes for Parts of  
Central and Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington,  
Effective December 3, 2013

Effective Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 4:00 AM PST, NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Pendleton (PDT), OR, will make modifications to some of its public zones to better represent climatological conditions and to follow terrain features more closely.

The main change will be to split ORZ042 (North Central Oregon) into a northern and southern part forming two new zones (ORZ510 and ORZ511). In addition, the metropolitan area of Bend, Oregon, will be included in the new southernmost zone (ORZ511) – Central Oregon) and removed from OZ509 (East Slopes of the Oregon Cascades) because of its lower average annual snowfall.

Minor border adjustments will also be made to

WAZ024 (Eastern Columbia River Gorge of Washington)  
WAZ520 (East Slopes of the Washington Cascades)  
WAZ521 (Simcoe Highlands)  
ORZ041 (Eastern Columbia River Gorge of Oregon)  
ORZ044 (Lower Columbia Basin of Oregon).

A map and detailed explanation of these changes is online at:

[Http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pdt/reference/Zone\\_Alterations\\_2013.pdf](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pdt/reference/Zone_Alterations_2013.pdf)

These zone changes require partners and users to take appropriate action to receive products using the Universal Generic Code (UGC) Zone Code Format (Z) listed in Table 1. Products affected by this change are listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Old/New public zone names and UGC(Z) codes.

OLD ZONE NAME	OLD UGC (Z)	NEW ZONE NAME	NEW UGC (Z)
North Central Oregon	ORZ042	North Central Oregon (unchanged)	ORZ510
North Central Oregon	ORZ042	Central Oregon	ORZ511

Table 2. Products affected by these changes.

PRODUCT NAME	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADER
Civil Emergency Message	CEMPDT	WOUS41 KPDT
Flash Flood Watch	FFAPDT	WGUS61 KPDT
Hazardous Weather Outlook	HWOPDT	FLUS41 KPDT
Non-Precipitation Advsy/Watch/Warning	NPWPDT	WWUS71 KPDT
Public Zone Forecast	ZFPPDT	FPUS51 KPDT
Short-Term Forecast	NOWPDT	FPUS71 KPDT
Special Weather Statement	SPSPDT	WWUS81 KPDT
Winter Storm Advsy/Watch/Warning	WSWPDT	WWUS41 KPDT
Area Forecast Discussion	AFDPDT	FXUS66 KPDT
Public Information Statement	PNSPDT	NOUS46 KPDT
Hydrologic Outlook	ESFPDT	FGUS76 KPDT

An updated public zone shapefile is online at:

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

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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