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Subject: Changes in Fire Weather Forecast Zones for Southeast
 Arizona Effective April 1, 2014

Effective April 1, 2014 at 1100 AM Mountain Standard Time, 1800
Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office
in Tucson, AZ (WFO TWC), will reconfigure and rename four fire
weather forecast zones. Upon implementation of this change, all
fire weather forecasts and related products for southeast Arizona
will use the zone number and name shown below.

WFO Tucson has fire weather forecast responsibility for the
southeast portion of Arizona. This zone reconfiguration better
fits U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts and the prevailing
weather regimes in the area. The new zone numbers, names, and
description of the zone area are listed below:

WFO Tucson, AZ Fire Weather Forecast Zones

New Zone Code	New Zone Name
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AZZ150	Western Pima-South Central Pinal-Tohono Oodham Nation-TDC

This zone includes western Pima county, south central Pinal
county and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

AZZ151	Eastern Pima-Southeastern Pinal-Santa Cruz- Western Cochise-Coronado NF-TDC
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This zone includes eastern Pima county, southeastern Pinal
county, Santa Cruz county and the western portion of Cochise
county. Mountains included in this zone are the Santa Catalinas,
Rincones, Huachucas, Whetstones, Santa Ritas, Patagonias,
Tumacacoris, and the Canelo Hills.

AZZ152	Southern Graham-Central and Eastern Cochise-
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Southern Greenlee-Lower Elevations of the San
Carlos Apache Nation in Graham County-Coronado
NF-Safford BLM-TDC

This zone includes southern Graham county, central and eastern Cochise county, southern Greenlee county and the southern portion of the San Carlos Apache Nation. Mountains included in this zone are the Chiricahuas, Pinalenos, Santa Therasas, Galiuros, Winchester, Dragoons and Mules.

AZZ153 Northern Graham-Northern Greenlee-White and
Gila Mountains-Apache Sitgreaves NF-SDC

This zone has an elevation of 5000 feet or higher and includes northern Greenlee county and the higher elevations of the San Carlos Apache Nation in northern Graham county. The White and Gila Mountains are included in this zone.

These changes have been coordinated with the Tucson and Springerville Dispatch Centers and other fire weather partners and users in Arizona. Partners and users of WFO Tucson fire weather products will need to update their system(s) to continue receiving correct fire weather forecasts/products.

After these changes are implemented, Arizona fire zones AZZ146, AZZ147 and AZZ148 will no longer be used.

An updated fire weather zone shapefile is online at:

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

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