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Subject: Corrected: Change in Some Public Weather Forecast
Zones for WFO Seattle, WA, Effective June 12, 2014

Corrected new zone names throughout for zones WAZ567, WAZ568 and
WAZ569

Effective Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 1200 Coordinated Universal
Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Seattle, WA
(SEW), will make three revisions to boundaries of public weather
forecast and warning zones in western Washington.

1. The portion of the Washington Cascades in the WFO SEW
forecast area, which currently is in two zones, will be
regrouped into three zones. This is a more natural zone grouping
with respect to weather, terrain and considerations of commerce
and land use, resulting in improved forecast and warning
services.

WAZ518 - West Slopes Northern Cascades and Passes and WAZ519 -
West Slopes Central Cascades and Passes will be split into three
new zones: WAZ567 - West Slopes Northern Cascades and Passes,
WAZ568 - West Slopes North Central Cascades and Passes and
WAZ569 - West Slopes South Central Cascades and Passes.

2. The more urbanized area of the current WAZ505 - East Puget
Sound Lowlands zone will be split off into its own zone called
WAZ556 - Bellevue and Vicinity; while the East Puget Sound
Lowlands zone, which is generally higher elevation and strongly
affected by its proximity to the Cascades, will retain its name
but be renumbered as WAZ555.

3. The Kitsap County portion of the current WAZ508 -
Seattle/Bremerton Area zone will be split off into its own zone
called WAZ559 - Bremerton and vicinity; while the remaining
portion of WAZ508 will be renamed and renumbered WAZ558 -
Seattle and Vicinity.

Table 1: New WFO SEW public weather forecast zone names and numbers effective June 12, 2014

New Zone Number	New Zone Name
WAZ567	West Slopes Northern Cascades and Passes
WAZ568	West Slopes North Central Cascades and Passes
WAZ569	West Slopes South Central Cascades and Passes
WAZ555	East Puget Sound Lowlands
WAZ556	Bellevue and Vicinity
WAZ558	Seattle and Vicinity
WAZ559	Bremerton and Vicinity

WFO SEW will no longer use public weather forecast zones WAZ505, WAZ508, WAZ518 and WAZ519. WFO SEW fire weather zoned and products are not affected by this change.

A graphical depiction of the new public weather forecast zones as well as detailed geographic descriptions are online at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/resources/sew_zones.pdf

An updated public weather zone shapefile is online at:

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

Partners and users of WFO SEW public weather products may need to update their system(s) to continue receiving correct public weather forecasts/products.

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