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Subject: Changes to Fire and Public Zone Boundaries for WFO Anchorage, AK:  
Effective June 12, 2014

Effective Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 4:00 pm Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT),  
Friday, June 13, 2014, at 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS  
Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Anchorage, AK, (AFC) will correct zone  
boundaries for three fire and public weather forecast zones:

AKZ131 (Northeast Prince William Sound)  
AKZ135 (Southeast Prince William Sound)  
AKZ141 (Copper River Basin)

The fire and public zones are being redrawn to correspond with the current  
forecast descriptions. There will be no changes to the zone names or  
numbers.

The current zone line between AKZ131, AKZ135 and AKZ141 places Keystone  
Canyon in zone AKZ135 (Southeast Prince William Sound), and Thompson Pass  
in AKZ141 (Copper River Basin). The current forecast description includes  
both Keystone Canyon and Thompson Pass in zone ALZ131 (Northeast Prince  
William Sound). In the corrected shapefile, Keystone Canyon and Thompson  
Pass will both fall within zone AKZ131. This change will affect both the  
public zone shapefile and the fire weather zone shapefile. The online  
graphical depictions also will be updated.

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/public/zones.pdf>

Updated fire and public shapefiles are online at:

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

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

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