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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 shapefile 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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