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SUBJECT: New Fire and Public Forecast Zones for Greenbrier
County, West Virginia, Effective Tuesday,
October 7, 2014

Effective Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 1601 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 12:01 PM EDT, the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Blacksburg (RNK), VA, will split its current fire and public forecast zone for Greenbrier County, WV, in two. The current Greenbrier County zone (WVZ045) will be divided into eastern and western zones. The new zones will be assigned new zone names and numbers as shown in Table 1.

These changes will allow long fused watches, warnings, advisories and forecasts for Greenbrier County to be more area specific.

TABLE 1: New/Old Fire and Public Zone Configuration Identifiers

NEW FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	New UGC(Z) ZONE Name	OLD FIRE/PUBLIC	OLD UGC(Z)
Eastern Greenbrier	WVZ507	Greenbrier	WVZ045
Western Greenbrier	WVZ508	Greenbrier	WVZ045

The fire and public zone changes require partners and users to take appropriate action to receive the new zone products using the Universal Generic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 1.

A map showing the new zones is online at:

http://origin-www.nws.noaa.gov/om/public/zone/wv_zone.png

An updated public zone shapefile is online at:

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

An updated fire zone shapefile is online at:

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

Products affected by this change are listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2. Affected Fire, Public, and Hydrologic Products:

PRODUCT NAME	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADER
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	ZFPRNK	FPUS52 KRNK
POINT FORECAST MATRICES	PFMRNK	FOUS52 KRNK
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FWFRNK	FNUS52 KRNK
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	HWORNK	FLUS42 KRNK
FLASH FLOOD/FLOOD WATCH	FFARNK	WGUS62 KRNK
NON-PRECIP ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	NPWRNK	WWUS72 KRNK
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WSWRNK	WWUS42 KRNK
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WCNRNK	WWUS62 KRNK
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	SPSRNK	WWUS82 KRNK
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	PNSRNK	NOUS42 KRNK
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	NOWRNK	FPUS72 KRNK
RED FLAG WARNING	RFWRNK	WWUS82 KRNK
AREA FORECAST DISCUSSION	AFDRNK	FXUS62 KRNK
AREA FORECAST MATRICES	AFMRNK	FOUS52 KRNK
AIR QUALITY ALERT	AQARNK	AEUS72 KRNK
AIR QUALITY FORECAST	AQIRNK	AEUS72 KRNK

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