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Subject: Corrected: Changes in Fire and Public Weather Forecast Zones for
Orange and Riverside Counties, CA: Effective February 4, 2015

Corrected fire and public zone shapefiles on February 3, 2015. Partners
and users should ensure they download and use the latest shapefiles
(fz04fe15b.zip and z_04fe15b.zip).

Corrected Orange County Coastal public and fire zone numbers (CAZ552
Public/CAZ552 Fire) and Orange County Inland public and fire zone numbers
(CAZ554 Public/CAZ554 Fire).

Effective February 4, 2015, at 1000 AM Pacific Standard Time (PST), 1800
Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in San
Diego, CA, (WFO SGX) will divide the existing Orange County, CA,
fire/public zone into an immediate coastal zone and an inland zone.

The additional inland zone will allow for improvement and more accurate
depiction of the significant temperature and humidity differences observed
between the coast and the inland plains and better depict the threat for
Santa Ana wind impacts and fire weather danger in Orange County.

In addition, a new fire/public zone will be created for the San Geronio
Pass near Banning, CA. This region, between two large mountain ranges of
the San Bernardino Mountains to the north and the San Jacinto Mountains to
the south, is known for high winds.

The new zone will allow for better hazard distinction during wind episodes
which may not affect the Coachella Valley's major cities, such as Palm
Springs.

Upon implementation of this change, fire and public forecasts and related
products for Orange County and the San Geronio Pass will use the zone
numbers and names shown below:

WFO San Diego, CA Fire/Public Forecast Zones:

Zone Code -----	Fire/Public Zone Name -----
CAZ552 (Public)	
CAZ552 (Fire)	Orange County Coastal

This zone boundary will change. It will now cover the immediate coastal region including beaches and coastal cities west of Interstate (I)-405 and extreme southern portion of I-5.

CAZ554 (Public)	
CAZ554 (Fire)	Orange County Inland

This new zone will include inland coastal valleys and plains of Orange County, mainly east of I-405 and including most of the I-5 corridor.

CAZ065 (Public)	
CAZ265 (Fire)	San Gorgonio Pass near Banning

This new zone will cover the entire San Gorgonio Pass, separated by large mountain peaks to the north and south, which connects the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley along I-10.

Updated fire and public zone shapefiles are online at:

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

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