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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,
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
Gorgonio 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 Gorgonio 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 I-405 and extreme southern portion of I-5

CAZ554 (Public) CAZ554 (Fire)	Orange County Inland
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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
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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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