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Subject: Service Transfer of Fire Weather Zones in Eastern Utah
Effective April 7, 2015

Effective Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 400 AM Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), 1000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in Salt Lake City, Utah (SLC), and Grand Junction, Colorado (GJT), will transfer fire weather zone responsibility to align with the County Warning and Forecast Area (CWFA) of these two WFOs. All fire weather zone numbers and names will remain unaltered. The fire weather zones with a change of ownership are listed below in Table 1 and Table 2.

The Fire Weather Planning Forecast (Product Category FWF, WMO Header FNUS5i) and Fire Weather Watch/Red Flag Warning (Product Category RFW, WMO Header WWUS8i) products are the primary affected services.

The zone transfer will simplify coordination, mitigate confusion, and in general, better serve the needs of those who use NWS fire weather services.

The fire weather zone numbers, zone names, current responsibility, and new responsibility are listed below:

Table 1: Fire weather zones transferred from WFO GJT to WFO SLC.

Fire Zone Code	Fire Zone Name	Current Responsibility	New Responsibility
UTZ481	Western Ashley National Forest	WFO GJT	WFO SLC
UTZ482	Western Uintah Basin	WFO GJT	WFO SLC

UTZ483 Southern Ashley WFO GJT WFO SLC
National Forest

UTZ484 Tavaputs Plateau WFO GJT WFO SLC

Table 2: Fire weather zones transferred from WFO SLC to WFO GJT.

Fire Zone Code	Fire Zone Name	Current Responsibility	New Responsibility
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UTZ490	Colorado River Basin	WFO SLC	WFO GJT
UTZ491	Southeast Utah	WFO SLC	WFO GJT

Partners and users of WFO GJT and WFO SLC fire weather services will need to update their system(s) to continue receiving appropriate products.

No changes are being made to any public weather forecast zone.

An updated fire zone shapefile is online at:

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

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