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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 (WFOs)  
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, World  
Meteorological Organization (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 Number	Fire Zone Description	Current WFO	New WFO
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UTZ481	Western Ashley National Forest	WFO GJT	WFO SLC
UTZ482	Western Uintah Basin	WFO GJT	WFO SLC
UTZ483	Southern Ashley National Forest	WFO GJT	WFO SLC
UTZ484	Tavaputs Plateau	WFO GJT	WFO SLC

Table 2: Fire Weather Zones Transferred from WFO SLC to WFO GJT

Fire Zone Number	Fire Zone Description	Current WFO	New WFO
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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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