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Subject: Changes in both Fire and Public Weather Forecast Zones for NWS
Weather Forecast Office Mobile, AL, for Baldwin and Mobile Counties,
Alabama, and Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties, Florida:
Effective May 28, 2015

Effective Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 1:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST),
1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), Baldwin and Mobile Counties,
Alabama, will be split into three zones (Inland, Central and Coastal) and
Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties, Florida, will have their
inland and coastal section boundaries re-configured to new inland and
coastal zone configurations.

These changes will provide increased flexibility and improved accuracy of
forecast and various watches, warnings and advisories in both the fire and
public weather programs.

Current affected WFO MOB Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones:

Current Fire/Public Zone Name	Current UGC (Z)
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Upper Mobile	ALZ061
Lower Mobile	ALZ063
Upper Baldwin	ALZ062
Lower Baldwin	ALZ064
Inland Escambia	FLZ001
Coastal Escambia	FLZ002
Inland Santa Rosa	FLZ003
Coastal Santa Rosa	FLZ004
Inland Okaloosa	FLZ005
Coastal Okaloosa	FLZ006

New affected WFO MOB Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones:

New Fire/Public Zone Name	New UGC (Z)
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Mobile Inland	ALZ261
Mobile Central	ALZ263
Mobile Coastal	ALZ265
Baldwin Inland	ALZ262
Baldwin Central	ALZ264
Baldwin Coastal	ALZ266
Escambia Inland	FLZ201
Escambia Coastal	FLZ202
Santa Rosa Inland	FLZ203
Santa Rosa Coastal	FLZ204
Okaloosa Inland	FLZ205
Okaloosa Coastal	FLZ206

WFO Mobile-Pensacola products affected by the changes in coastal public and fire weather forecast zones:

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hazardous Weather Outlook	FLUS44 KMOB	HWOMOB
Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS84 KMOB	HLSMOB
Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	WTNT81 KNHC	TCVAT1-5
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS44 KMOB	CFWMOB
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS54 KMOB	SRFMOB
Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS54 KMOB	FWFMOB
Fire Weather Message	WWUS84 KMOB	RFWMOB
Zone Forecast	FPUS54 KMOB	ZFPMOB
Short Term Forecast	FPUS74 KMOB	NOWMOB
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS54 KMOB	PFMMOB
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS64 KMOB	SFTMOB
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
Public Information Statement	NOUS44 KMOB	PNSMOB
Non-Precipitation Warnings	WWUS74 KMOB	NPWMOB
Flood Watch	WGUS64 KMOB	FFAMOB
Special Weather Statement	WWUS84 KMOB	SPSMOB
Winter Weather Message	WWUS44 KMOB	WSWMOB
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS64 KMOB	AFDMOB
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS74 KMOB	ESFMOB

Partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new Universal Geographic Code (UGC) (Z) and new zone alignments and names. These changes do not affect products using the UGC (C) county code.

Updated fire and public zone maps are online at:

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

Graphical depictions of WFO MOB's current and new fire and public weather forecast zones are online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/public/zone/before2.GIF>
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/public/zone/after2.GIF>

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