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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    Current UGC (Z)  
Zone Name

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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      New UGC (Z)  
Zone Name

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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 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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