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SUBJECT: Corrected: New Fire and Public Forecast Zones for Monongalia,
Preston and Tucker Counties in West Virginia Effective
November 3, 2015

Corrected to remove the Watch County Notification (WCN) product from the
list of affected products

Effective Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC), 1 PM EST, the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Pittsburgh, PA (PBZ),
will split its fire and public forecast zones for Monongalia, Preston and
Tucker Counties in West Virginia. These changes will allow long fused
watches, warnings, advisories and forecasts for these counties to be more
geographically specific.

-Preston County (WVZ023) zone will be divided into three parts: Ridges of
Eastern Monongalia and Northwestern Preston (WVZ510) Preston (WVZ511) and
Eastern Preston (WVZ512)

-Tucker County (WVZ041) zone will be divided into western (Western Tucker
- WVZ513) and eastern (Eastern Tucker - WVZ514) zones.

-Monongalia County (WVZ022) will be divided into two parts with the
eastern part of the county being combined with the Northwestern Preston
County zone (WVZ510), and the western part of the zone maintaining its
name, but being renumbered (Monongalia - WVZ509).

The new zones will be assigned new zone names and numbers as shown in
Table 1. These fire and public zone changes require partners and users to
take appropriate action to receive the new zone products using the
Universal Generic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: New Fire and Public Zone Configuration Identifiers

New Fire/Public	UGC (Z) Existing Fire/Public	UGC (Z)
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Zone Name		Zone Name	
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MONONGALIA	WVZ509	MONONGALIA	WVZ022
RIDGES OF EASTERN	WVZ510	MONONGALIA/PRESTON	WVZ022/WVZ023
MONONGALIA AND			
NORTHWESTERN			
PRESTON			
PRESTON	WVZ511	PRESTON	WVZ023
EASTERN PRESTON	WVZ512	PRESTON	WVZ023
WESTERN TUCKER	WVZ513	TUCKER	WVZ041
EASTERN TUCKER	WVZ514	TUCKER	WVZ041

A map of the old zones and new zone changes can be found at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/afs/pittsburgh_zone.png

An updated public zone shapefile is online at:

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

An updated fire zone shapefile is online at:

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

Products affected by this change are listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2. Affected Fire and Public Products:

PRODUCT NAME	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADER
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PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	ZFPPBZ	FPUS51 KPBZ
POINT FORECAST MATRICES	PFMPBZ	FOUS51 KPBZ
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FWFPBZ	FNUS51 KPBZ
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	HWOPBZ	FLUS41 KPBZ
NON-PRECIP ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	NPWPBZ	WWUS71 KPBZ
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WSWPBZ	WWUS41 KPBZ
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	SPSPBZ	WWUS81 KPBZ
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	PNSPBZ	NOUS41 KPBZ
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	NOWPBZ	FPUS71 KPBZ
RED FLAG WARNING	RFWPBZ	WWUS81 KPBZ
AREA FORECAST DISCUSSION	AFDPBZ	FXUS61 KPBZ
AREA FORECAST MATRICES	AFMPBZ	FOUS51 KPBZ
AIR QUALITY ALERT	AQAPBZ	AEUS71 KPBZ
AIR QUALITY FORECAST	AQIPBZ	AEUS71 KPBZ

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