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

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 Zone Name	UGC (Z)	Existing Fire/Public Zone Name	UGC (Z)
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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](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
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
WATCH COUNTY NOTIFICATION	WCNPBZ	WWUS61 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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