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Subject: Amended: New Fire and Public Forecast Zones for Monongalia,
Preston and Tucker Counties in West Virginia: Effective November 10, 2015

Amended to change effective date to November 10, 2015.

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

Effective Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC), 1 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), the NWS Weather Forecast Office
(WFO) 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 Geographic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 1.

Table 1: New Fire and Public Zone Configuration Identifiers

New UGC (Z) Fire/Public Zone Name -----	Existing UGC (Z) Fire/Public Zone Name -----
Monongalia WVZ509 Ridges of Eastern Monongalia and Northwestern Preston WVZ510	Monongalia WVZ022 Monongalia/Preston WVZ022/WVZ023
Preston WVZ511 Eastern Preston WVZ512 Western Tucker WVZ513 Eastern Tucker WVZ514	Preston WVZ023 Preston WVZ023 Tucker WVZ041 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 -----
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-Precipitation Advisory/Watch/Warning	NPWPBZ	WWUS71 KPBZ
Winter Storm Advisory/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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