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Subject: Service Transfer of Fire Weather Zones ALZ014 in North
 Central Alabama Effective April 5, 2016

Effective Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 400 AM Central Daylight Time (CDT), 0900 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), fire weather forecast responsibility for Alabama Fire Weather Zone ALZ014 (Winston) will be transferred from NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Birmingham, AL, (BMX) to NWS WFO Huntsville, AL, (HUN). All fire weather zone numbers and names will remain unaltered.

The zone transfer will simplify coordination and better serve the needs of those who use NWS fire weather services at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Bankhead National Forest by allowing them to receive all fire weather forecasts from one NWS WFO.

Table 1: ALZ014 (Winston) Fire Weather Watch, Warning, and Forecast Products affected by this change

Product	Old WMO Heading /AWIPS ID	New/WMO Heading /AWIPS ID

Fire Weather Watch/Warning	WWUS84 KBMX/RFWBMX	WWUS84 KHUN/RFWHUN
Fire Weather Planning forecast	FNUS54 KBMX/FWFBMX	FNUS54 KHUN/FWFHUN
National Fire Danger Rating System Forecast	FNUS84 KBMX/FWMBMX	FNUS84 KHUN/FWMHUN
Spot Forecast	FNUS74 KBMX/FWSBMX	FNUS74 KHUN/FWSHUN
Spot Forecast Request	BMBB91 KBMX/STQBMX	BMBB91 KHUN/STQHUN

Partners and users of WFO BMX and WFO HUN fire weather services

will need to update their system(s) to continue receiving appropriate products for ALZ014 (Winston).

No changes are being made to any public weather forecast zone.

An updated fire zone shapefile is online at:

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

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