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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
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Fire Weather Watch/Warning	WWUS84 KBMX/RFWBMX	WWUS84 KHUN/RFWHUN
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS54 KBMX/FWFBMX	FNUS54 KHUN/FWFHUN
National Fire Danger Rating	FNUS84 KBMX/FWMBMX	FNUS84 KHUN/FWMHUN
System Forecast		
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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