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Subject: Updated: Implementing improved public and fire zone coverage for the coastal counties along the middle Texas Coast: Effective May 1, 2018

Updated to correct zone names in Tables 1 and 2.

Effective Tuesday May 1, 2018, at 100 PM Central Daylight Time (CDT), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS will realign coastal public and fire zones within the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Corpus Christi area of responsibility along the middle Texas Coast. The changes involves the following public zones:

In total, 6 current zones will be converted into 15 separate zones. These new zones are divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly within the coastal environment.

TXZ242 (Kleberg County) will be divided into 3 segments: Kleberg Islands (TXZ342), Coastal Kleberg (TXZ242) and Inland Kleberg (TXZ242).
TXZ243 (Nueces County) will be divided into 3 segments: Nueces Islands (TXZ443), Coastal Nueces (TXZ343) and Inland Nueces (TXZ243).
TXZ244 (San Patricio County) will be divided into 2 segments: Coastal San Patricio (TXZ344) and Inland San Patricio (TXZ244).
TXZ245 (Aransas County) will be divided into 2 segments: Aransas Islands (TXZ345) and Coastal Aransas (TXZ245).
TXZ246 (Refugio County) will be divided into 2 segments: Coastal Refugio (TXZ346) and Inland Refugio (TXZ246).
TXZ247 (Calhoun County) will be divided into 3 segments: Calhoun Islands (TXZ447), Coastal Calhoun (TXZ347) and Inland Calhoun (TXZ247).

Table 1: Current coastal public and fire zones and corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGC) for WFO Corpus Christi, TX

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Table 2: Public/Fire Zones and corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGC) for which WFO Corpus Christi, TX will issue forecasts and warnings effective May 1, 2018

UGC: New Public/Fire Zone Name
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TXZ242: Inland Kleberg
TXZ342: Coastal Kleberg
TXZ442: Kleberg Islands

TXZ243: Inland Nueces
TXZ343: Coastal Nueces
TXZ443: Nueces Islands

TXZ244: Inland San Patricio
TXZ344: Coastal San Patricio

TXZ245: Coastal Aransas
TXZ345: Aransas Islands

TXZ246: Inland Refugio
TXZ346: Coastal Refugio

TXZ247: Inland Calhoun
TXZ347: Coastal Calhoun
TXZ447: Calhoun Islands

Table 3: Primary cities included in the new public/fire zones effective May 1, 2018

UGC: Primary cities within New Zones
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TXZ242: Kingsville, Loyola Beach, Ricardo, Riviera
TXZ342: None
TXZ442: None

TXZ243: Corpus Christi, Robstown, Bishop
TXZ343: Corpus Christi, Flour Bluff
TXZ443: Port Aransas

TXZ244: Mathis, Sinton, St.Paul, Taft, Tynan
TXZ344: Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Portland

TXZ245: Fulton, Rockport
TXZ345: None
TXZ246: Refugio, Woodsboro
TXZ346: Bayside, Austwell
TXZ247: Kamay, Long Mott
TXZ347: Seadrift, Port Lavaca
TXZ447: None

Graphical images of the current and future public and fire weather zones listed above are online at:

https://www.weather.gov/crp/CRPZoneChanges

Table 4: NWS products affected by the WFO Corpus Christi TX public and fire zone changes effective May 1, 2018:

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Users of WFOs Corpus Christi products must reprogram affected hardware and software to continue correctly processing the above mentioned products.

Users accessing NWS graphical forecasts must download updated zone map shapefiles to correctly view forecasts for coastal South Texas. Updated zone map shapefiles containing the new public and fire zones are available online at:

https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones
https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones

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