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Subject: Updated: Changes to Public and Fire Forecast Zones for Weather  
Forecast Office (WFO) Gaylord, MI: Effective April 2, 2019

Updated to change implementation date to April 2, 2019, due to the  
Government Lapse in Appropriations.

Effective Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 800 AM Central Daylight Time (CDT),  
1300 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Weather Service (NWS)  
WFO in Gaylord, Michigan (APX) will change Public and Fire Weather  
Forecast Zones encompassing Chippewa and Mackinac Counties in eastern  
Upper Michigan, as well as Charlevoix County in northwest Lower Michigan.  
Upon implementation of this change, all public and fire forecasts and  
related products will use the zone numbers and names shown below.

If April 2, 2019, is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation  
will be postponed to April 4, 2019.

The zone changes will improve services by allowing more fine-tuned  
warnings and advisories for hazards, especially during the cold season.  
The new zones will be divided as follows:

1. Current Chippewa County forecast zone (MIZ008) into three zones:  
    Western Chippewa County  
    Central Chippewa County  
    Southeast Chippewa County
2. Current Mackinac County forecast zone (MIZ015) into three zones:  
    Western Mackinac County  
    Eastern Mackinac County  
    Mackinac Island/Bois Blanc Island
3. Separate Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan into its own  
forecast zone apart from "mainland" Charlevoix County (MIZ019).

The new zone numbers, names, and description of the zone area are listed  
below. Note that the NWS forecast office in Marquette, Michigan (WFO  
MQT) has fire weather forecast responsibility for Chippewa and Mackinac  
Counties.

WFO Gaylord Public Forecast Zones (WFO Marquette Fire Weather Zones) being divided:

Zone Number	Zone Name
MIZ008	Chippewa
MIZ015	Mackinac

WFO Gaylord Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones being divided:

Zone Number	Zone Name
MIZ019	Charlevoix

The zones below will replace the existing zones above:

Zone Number	Zone Name
MIZ086	Western Chippewa
MIZ087	Central Chippewa
MIZ088	Southeast Chippewa
MIZ095	Western Mackinac
MIZ096	Eastern Mackinac
MIZ099	Charlevoix

The following zones will be added:

Zone Number	Zone Name
MIZ097	Mackinac Island/Bois Blanc Island
MIZ098	Beaver Island

Below is a complete list of new WFO Gaylord, Michigan Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones. Public/Fire Weather split responsibilities between WFO Gaylord (APX) and WFO Marquette (MQT) are denoted in parentheses.

Zone Number	Zone Name
MIZ016	Emmet
MIZ017	Cheboygan
MIZ018	Presque
MIZ020	Leelanau
MIZ021	Antrim
MIZ022	Otsego
MIZ023	Montmorency
MIZ024	Alpena
MIZ025	Benzie
MIZ026	Grand Traverse
MIZ027	Kalkaska
MIZ028	Crawford
MIZ029	Oscoda
MIZ030	Alcona
MIZ031	Manistee

MIZ032	Wexford
MIZ033	Missaukee
MIZ034	Roscommon
MIZ035	Ogemaw
MIZ036	Iosco
MIZ041	Gladwin
MIZ042	Arenac
MIZ086	Western Chippewa (APX Public/MQT Fire)
MIZ087	Central Chippewa (APX Public/MQT Fire)
MIZ088	Southeast Chippewa (APX Public/MQT Fire)
MIZ095	Western Mackinac (APX Public/MQT Fire)
MIZ096	Eastern Mackinac (APX Public/MQT Fire)
MIZ097	Mackinac Island/Bois Blanc Island (APX Public/MQT Fire)
MIZ098	Beaver Island
MIZ099	Charlevoix

Updated public zone shapefiles are online at:

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

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/media/apx/change/ZoneChange.pdf>

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