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Subject: Changes to the Boundaries of Fire Weather Forecast Zones in
Western Wyoming: Effective June 25, 2018

Effective Monday, June 25, 2018, at 0600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Riverton, WY, will change its current fire weather forecast zone boundaries in western WY (WYZ277, WYZ278, WYZ279, WYZ414, WYZ415, and WYZ416). WFO Pocatello, ID, will change the boundary of IDZ411 as a result of the altered boundary of WYZ415. Additionally, other minor changes were made to fire weather forecast zone boundaries WY277, WYZ278, and WYZ279.

After this change, WFO RIW fire weather forecast zones covering the Bridger-Teton National Forest will align with the Fire Danger Rating Areas of that forest. These changes were initiated by partners and will improve services for partners in western Wyoming.

Fire weather forecast zone numbers will not change as a result of these zone boundary adjustments.

Graphical descriptions of the old and new fire weather forecast zones are online at:

<http://www.weather.gov/riw/2018firezonechange>

NWS watch, warning and forecast products affected by these changes are:

WFO Riverton Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Watch	WWUS83 KRIW	RFWRIW
Red Flag Warning	WWUS83 KRIW	RFWRIW
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS53 KRIW	FWFRIW
WFO Pocatello Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Watch	WWUS85 KPIH	RFWPIH
Red Flag Warning	WWUS85 KPIH	RFWPIH
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS55 KPIH	FWFPIH

NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to their communications systems to accommodate these fire weather forecast zone changes.

A shapefile of the new fire weather forecast zones for WFO RIW and WFO PIH is online at:

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

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