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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-22
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
200 PM EST FRI FEB 12 1999

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
CHIEF...INTEGRATED HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES CORE
NWS OFFICE OF METEOROLOGY

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HOUSTON
TEXAS NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE...EFFECTIVE MARCH 15 1999

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...MARCH 15 1999 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...600 AM CST... SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND
ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...INCLUDING RED FLAG WATCHES AND
WARNINGS...FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS WILL BE
TRANSFERRED TO THE NWS OFFICE IN DICKINSON /HOUSTON/GALVESTON/ TEXAS.

THE SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE
NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON NWS OFFICE
TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL
CAPABILITIES...THEREBY PROVIDING AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE
FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:

DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST
SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST

CUSTOMERS OF NWS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THESE LAND
MANAGEMENT AREAS SHOULD NOTE THAT...COINCIDENT WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF
SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON NWS OFFICE...ALL PRODUCTS
WILL BE ISSUED UNDER NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS. THE IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR
ASSOCIATED WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SATFWFHGX FNUS54	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
SATFWLHGX FNUS84	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SATFWMHGX FNUS84	MISCELLANEOUS FORE WEATHER PRODUCT
SATFWNHGX SHUS84	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE
SATFWOHGX SHUS64	FIRE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
SATFWSHGX FNUS74	FIRE WEATHER SUPPRESSION FORECAST
SATRFDHGX FNUS64	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER FORECAST
SATRFWHGX WWUS84	RED FLAG WARNING
SATSMFHGX FNUS74	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST

THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE BASED ON SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
ESTABLISHED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BOTH FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND
MANAGEMENT AGENCIES. HOWEVER...CURRENT LEGISLATIVE POLICY PROHIBITS THE

NWS FROM PROVIDING NON-ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS TO NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES...EXCEPT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.

PLEASE NOTE...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ MUST TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF THESE NEW PRODUCTS.

TO REPEAT...THE NWS OFFICE IN DICKINSON /HOUSTON/GALVESTON/ TEXAS WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS BEGINNING MONDAY MARCH 15 1999 AT 1200 UTC /600 AM CST/.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE TRANSFER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE
NWS OFFICE
DICKINSON TEXAS
TELEPHONE: 281-337-5074

JUDSON LADD
REGIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER
NWS SOUTHERN REGION HEADQUARTERS
FORT WORTH TEXAS
TELEPHONE: 817-978-2652 EXT. 109

NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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