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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-49 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1125 AM EDT FRI MAY 21 1999

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ CUSTOMERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE PIERCE

CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: FORECAST AND LONG-FUSED WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITY TRANSFER TO THE EL PASO TEXAS /EPZ/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE ON JULY 15 1999

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY...JULY 15 1999 AT 1100 A.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME /CDT/...1600 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...FORECAST AND LONG-FUSED WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR 9 ZONES IN WEST TEXAS AND SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO /TABLE 1/ WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN EL PASO /EPZ/ TEXAS FROM THE ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO /ABQ/ AND LUBBOCK TEXAS /LUB/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES. THIS SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE EL PASO NWS OFFICE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE.

BECAUSE OF THESE CHANGES...CUSTOMERS MUST TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECEIVE THE PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 2 USING THE NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIER FROM WFO EPZ.

TABLE 1: ZONES TRANSFERRED TO EPZ. UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ FOR THESE ZONES /Z/ ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLE.

FROM LUBBOCK /LUB/:

COUNTY UGC ZONE /Z/ CODE

EL PASO TXZ055 HUDSPETH TXZ056

FROM ALBUQUERQUE /ABQ/:

ZONE	UGC ZONE /Z/ CODE
SOUTHWEST MOUNTAINS/LOWER GILA REGION	NMZ022
SIERRA COUNTY LAKES REGION	NMZ023
TULAROSA BASIN/SOUTHERN DESERT	NMZ024
SOUTHERN SACRAMENTO MOUNTAINS	NMZ025
SOUTHWEST DESERT/BOOTHILL	NMZ030
SOUTHWEST DESERT/MIMBRES BASIN	NMZ031
SOUTHERN DESERT	NMZ032

TABLE 2: THE FOLLOWING FORECAST AND LONG-FUSED WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO EPZ.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		NWWS ID		EADING
	/OLD/	ABQZFPNM	FPUS5 FPUS5 FPUS5	
	/OLD/	ABQFFAABQ	WGUS6 RWUS3 RWUS3	1 KABQ
	/OLD/	ABQNPWABQ	WWUS7 WWUS4 WWUS4	5 KABQ
	/OLD/	ABQCCFABQ	FPUS4 FPUS4 FPUS4	5 KABQ
WINTER WEATHER PRODUCTS *NM *TX	/OLD/	ABQWSWABQ		5 KABQ

\*THESE OLD PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST...BUT WILL COVER AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE EPZ COUNTY WARNING AND FORECAST AREA.

\*\*CUSTOMERS THAT USE THE ABQZFPNM AND/OR LBBZFPTX FOR AREAS NOT LISTED IN TABLE 1...THE PRODUCT AUTOMATION OF FIELD OPERATIONS AND SERVICES /AFOS//ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER WILL CHANGE TO ABQZFPABQ AND LBBZFPLBB RESPECTIVELY. NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ CUSTOMERS MUST MAKE CHANGES TO RECEIVE THIS PRODUCT AFTER JULY 15 1999.

FOR HOLDERS OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER C-11...APPENDIX A /ZONE FORECAST BOUNDARIES/...THIS UPDATES PAGES A-7...A-61 AND A-69.

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