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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-51 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 1255 PM 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 MIDLAND /MAF/ TX 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 28 ZONES IN WEST TEXAS AND SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO /TABLE 1/ WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN MIDLAND /MAF/ 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 MIDLAND 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 MAF.

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

FROM LUBBOCK /LUB/:

COUNTY/ZONE/	UGC ZONE /Z/ CODE	COUNTY/ZONE/	UGC ZONE /Z/
GAINES	TXZ045	MIDLAND	TXZ062
DAWSON	TXZ046	GLASSCOCK	TXZ063
BORDEN	TXZ047	WARD	TXZ067
SCURRY	TXZ048	CRANE	TXZ068
ANDREWS	TXZ050	UPTON	TXZ069
MARTIN	TXZ051	REAGAN	TXZ070
HOWARD	TXZ052	DAVIS MTN AREA	TXZ074
MITCHELL	TXZ053*	PECOS	TXZ075
VAN HORN	TXZ057	PRESIDIO VALLEY	TXZ079
GUADALUPE MTNS	AREA	MARFA PLATEAU	TXZ080
REEVES CO AND	TXZ058	BIG BEND AREA	TXZ081
UPPER TRANS PE	COS	TERRELL	TXZ082
LOVING	TXZ059		
WINKLER	TXZ060		
ECTOR	TXZ061		

* ALL SERVICES...BOTH LONG- AND SHORT-FUSED PRODUCTS...FOR MITCHELL COUNTY WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SAN ANGELO /SJT/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE TO THE MIDLAND /MAF/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE ON JULY 15 1999 IN CONCURRENCE WITH THIS SERVICE TRANSFER.

FROM ALBUQUERQUE /ABQ/:

ZONE UGC ZONE /Z/ CODE

GUADALUPE MTNS NMZ027 EDDY COUNTY PLAINS NMZ028 LEA NMZ029

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

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	1			WMO HE	ADING
**ZONE FORECAST	NM	/NEW/ /OLD/	LBBZFPMAF ABQZFPNM LBBZFPTX	FPUS55	KABQ
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	*NM	/OLD/	LBBFFAMAF ABQFFAABQ LBBFFALBB	RWUS31	KABQ
NON-PRECIPITATION	*NM	/OLD/	LBBNPWMAF ABQNPWABQ LBBNPWLBB	WWUS45	KABQ
CODED CITY FORECAST	*NM	/OLD/	LBBCCFMAF ABQCCFABQ LBBCCFLBB	FPUS45	KABQ
WINTER WEATHER PRODUCTS	*NM	/OLD/	LBBWSWMAF ABQWSWABQ LBBCCFLBB	WWUS45	KABQ

^{*}THESE OLD PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST...BUT WILL COVER AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE MAF 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. THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADERS FOR THESE PRODUCTS WILL NOT CHANGE.

FOR HOLDERS OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER C-11...APPENDIX A /ZONE FORECAST BOUNDARIES/....THIS UPDATES PAGES A-47...A-61 AND A-69.

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