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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-69
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
CALIFORNIA AND EXTREME NORTHERN CALIFORNIA...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 13 1999

THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST AREAS IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
CALIFORNIA AND EXTREME NORTHERN CALIFORNIA...ON OCTOBER 13 1999 AT 1100
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...4 A.M. PDT. THESE RECONFIGURATIONS
WILL HELP PROVIDE BETTER SITE-SPECIFIC FORECASTS BY AFFORDING FORECASTERS
THE NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO GROUP NEW SMALLER ZONES TOGETHER OR SEPARATE
THEM OUT TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT ONGOING AND PREDICTED WEATHER.

TABLE 1 LISTS THE PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED. TABLE 2 IS A LIST OF THE
NEW ZONES. A ZONE WILL BE NAMED EITHER BY COUNTY /OR COUNTIES/ OR OTHER
RECOGNIZABLE GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

MANY NWS PRODUCTS /NOT JUST ZONE FORECASTS/ WILL BE AFFECTED BY ZONE
RECONFIGURATIONS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE Z FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC
CODE /UGC/ USED IN THESE PRODUCTS WILL CONTAIN THE NEW ZONE NUMBERS TO
FURTHER IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS BY ZONE WITHIN THE STATE. THE CATEGORIES
OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS THAT USE THE Z FORM OF THE UGC ARE LISTED IN TABLE 1
WITH THEIR NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ IDENTIFIERS AND WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS. USERS WHO SELECT INFORMATION
FOR SPECIFIC ZONES WILL NEED TO USE THE NEW UGC FOR THE RECONFIGURED
ZONES.

THESE ZONE CHANGES UPDATE PAGES A-107 THROUGH A-110 OF NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER C-11...ZONE AND LOCAL
FORECASTS...APPENDIX A /ZONE FORECAST MAPS/. UPDATED ZONE MAPS CAN BE
DOWNLOADED OFF THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MODERNIZE/ST-MAPS/MAPS.HTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/modernize/st-maps/maps.html)

OR YOU MAY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

NWS MEDFORD OREGON - 541-776-4303
NWS SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA - 559-584-3752

TABLE 1: PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS -----	NWWS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	ZFP	FPUS56 -SEE TABLE 2
WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY	WSW	WWUS46
NON-PRECIPITATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY	NPW	WWUS45 +
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	FFA	WGUS46
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOW	FPUS76
AREA FORECAST PRODUCT	SFP	FPUS66
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	SVS	WWUS34 +
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	SPS	WWUS35 +
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	FFS	RWUS32 +
FLOOD STATEMENT	FLS	RWUS42 +
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	PNS	ABUS34 +
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	CEM	MMUS40 +
LOCAL STORM REPORT	LSR	WWUS30 +
N/CENTRAL CALIFORNIA WEATHER ROUNDUP	SFOSWRCA	ASUS46 KSFO +
N/CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FORECAST PRODUCT	SFOSFPCA	FPUS66 KMTR

+THESE WMO HEADINGS TO BE CHANGED AT A LATER DATE. MONITOR
[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OSO/NOTICES/NOTICES.SHTML](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oso/notices/notices.shtml) /LOWER CASE/ OR NOXX10
 KWBC FOR ANNOUCEMENTS REGARDING WMO HEADING CHANGES.

TABLE 2: RECONFIGURED CALIFORNIA ZONES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 13 1999 AT 1100 UTC.

ISSUED BY NWSO MEDFORD OREGON - PDXZPFMFR - FPUS56 KMFR

UGC Z ZONE NAME

 CAZ080- WESTERN SISKIYOU COUNTY
 CAZ081- CENTRAL SISKIYOU COUNTY
 CAZ082- SOUTH CENTRAL SISKIYOU COUNTY
 CAZ083- NORTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST SISKIYOU COUNTY
 CAZ084- NORTHEAST SISKIYOU AND NORTHWEST MODOC COUNTIES
 CAZ085- MODOC COUNTY

ISSUED BY NWSO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA - SFOZFPHNX - FPUS56 KHNX

UGC Z ZONE NAME

 CAZ089- WEST-CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
 CAZ090- EAST-CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
 CAZ091- SOUTHWEST SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
 CAZ092- SOUTHEAST SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
 CAZ093- MARIPOSA MADERA AND FRESNO COUNTY FOOTHILLS
 CAZ094- TULARE COUNTY FOOTHILLS
 CAZ095- KERN COUNTY MOUNTAINS
 CAZ096- SIERRA NEVADA FROM YOSEMITE TO KINGS CANYON
 CAZ097- TULARE COUNTY MOUNTAINS
 CAZ098- INDIAN WELLS VALLEY
 CAZ099- SOUTHEAST KERN COUNTY DESERT

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

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