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Subject: Transfer of Responsibility of Fire Weather Forecast
 Zone 662 from WFO Seattle, WA, to WFO Spokane, WA, effective
 March 3, 2020

On or about Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 1000 AM Pacific Standard Time, 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Seattle, WA, (SEW) will transfer responsibility of the fire weather zone 662 affecting the east part of the North Cascades National Park and the Lake Chelan National Recreational Area to the WFO Spokane, WA (OTX). After this change, the fire weather forecasts and related products for this area will be issued by OTX.

If March 3, 2020, is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 10, 2020.

These changes are intended to simplify the forecast process, reducing redundancy in product creation and eliminate potential inconsistencies, improving the quality of the products and services provided.

The affected zone is as follows:

WFO SEW Fire Weather Forecast Zone

Zone Code: Zone Name

WAZ662: East Portion of North Cascades National Park and
 The Lake Chelan National Recreational Area

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Fire Weather
Zone Forecast Name

WAZ662: East Portion of North Cascades National Park and the
 Lake Chelan National Recreational Area

Table 2: UGC: New Fire Weather Zone Forecast Name

WAZ662: East Portion of North Cascades National Park and the
Lake Chelan National Recreational Area

Table 3: NWS products affected by the WFO Seattle, WA to WFO
Spokane, WA fire weather zone transfer are listed below.

AWIPS ID: WMO Heading: Product Name

FWFSEW: FNUS52 KSEW: Fire Weather Forecast
RFWSEW: WWUS82 KSEW: Fire Weather Message
FWFOTX: FNUS52 KOTX: Fire Weather Forecast
RFWOTX: WWUS82 KOTX: Fire Weather Message

NWS partners and users should take the appropriate action to
ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments
and names.

Updated fire weather zone shapefiles are online at:
<https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones>

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:
[https://www.weather.gov/otx/Proposed Fire Zone Change for NWSSeattle and
Spokane WA](https://www.weather.gov/otx/Proposed_Fire_Zone_Change_for_NWSSeattle_and_Spokane_WA)

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