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Subject: Updated: Changes to the Boundaries of Fire Weather Forecast Zones
in Central and Eastern South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska served by WFOs
Aberdeen, SD, (ABR) and Sioux Falls, SD (FSD): Effective November 10, 2020

Updated to change the effective date due to a Critical Weather Day
declaration.

The planned Fire Weather Zone changes scheduled for October 29, 2020 are
delayed until November 10, 2020. On November 10, 2020, the WFO Aberdeen
and WFO Sioux Falls will change their current fire weather forecast zone
boundaries in central and eastern South Dakota. The WFO Sioux Falls will
also change the boundary of a single zone in northeast Nebraska.

If November 10, 2020 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this
implementation will be postponed to November 17, 2020.

The new fire weather forecast zone boundaries will align with county
boundaries. These changes were necessary to create more detailed fire
weather forecasts by reducing the size of fire zones.

Fire weather forecast zone numbers will change as a result of these zone
boundary adjustments. Graphical descriptions of the old and new fire
weather forecast zones are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/abr/2020firezonechange>
<https://www.weather.gov/fsd/firezonechange2020>

NWS watch, warning and forecast products affected by these changes are:

WFO Aberdeen Products	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Watch	WWUS83 KABR	RFWABR
Red Flag Warning	WWUS83 KABR	RFWABR
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS53 KABR	FWFABR

WFO Sioux Falls Products	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Watch	WWUS83 KFSD	RFWFSD
Red Flag Warning	WWUS83 KFSD	RFWFSD
Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNUS53 KFSD	FWFFSD

NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to their communications systems to accommodate these fire weather forecast zone changes.

A shapefile of the new fire weather forecast zones for WFO ABR and WFO FSD is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones>

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