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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 00-69 CORRECTED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
440 PM EDT FRI OCT 13 2000

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: CHANGING SOME PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES IN  
MONTANA...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4 2000

...CORRECTED URL FOR ZONES MAPS...AS INDICATED BELOW...  
...ORIGINAL MESSAGE WAS SENT JULY 10 2000...  
...ALL OTHER INFORMATION REMAINS THE SAME...

THE NWS RECONFIGURED A NUMBER OF PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST AREAS IN MONTANA ON  
OCTOBER 4 2000. AT 1100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...5 A.M.  
MDT...CUSTOMERS WHO USE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ TO SELECT  
WEATHER INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC ZONES IN MONTANA NEEDED TO CHANGE SOME  
UGCS. TABLE 1 BELOW LISTS THE ZONES WHICH WERE IMPLEMENTED OCTOBER 4.

THE PURPOSE FOR RECONFIGURING WEATHER FORECAST ZONES WAS TO ALLOW  
FORECASTERS TO MORE ACCURATELY PORTRAY ONGOING AND PREDICTED WEATHER.  
EACH ZONE WAS NAMED EITHER BY A COUNTY /OR COUNTIES/ OR OTHER RECOGNIZABLE  
GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

NO OTHER MONTANA FORECAST ZONES WERE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE.

MANY NWS PRODUCTS /NOT JUST ZONE FORECASTS/ WERE AFFECTED BY THIS ZONE  
RECONFIGURATION. THIS IS BECAUSE THE Z FORM OF THE UGC USED IN THESE  
PRODUCTS NOW CONTAINS NEW ZONE NUMBERS TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS WITHIN  
THE STATE. TABLE 2 LISTS THE PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED WITH THEIR NOAA  
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ AND FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ IDENTIFIERS.  
USERS WHO SELECT INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC ZONES NEEDED TO USE THE NEW UGCS  
FOR THE RECONFIGURED ZONES.

THESE ZONE CHANGES UPDATE PAGES A-113 AND 114 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/:

...CORRECTED URL...

[HTTP://ISL715.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MAPDATA/NEWCAT/WSOM/C11-ZONE.HTM](http://isl715.nws.noaa.gov/mapdata/newcat/wsom/c11-zone.htm)

TABLE 1. NEW NWS ZONES IN MONTANA EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4 2000. ALL OTHER ZONES ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE.

\*\*\*WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ GREAT FALLS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY\*\*\*

UGC Z	ZONE NAME
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MTZ009	NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT
MTZ010	EASTERN GLACIER
MTZ011	HILL
MTZ012	CASCADE
MTZ013	CHOUTEAU
MTZ014	CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN LEWIS AND CLARK
MTZ015	MADISON
MTZ044	TOOLE
MTZ045	LIBERTY
MTZ046	EASTERN PONDERA
MTZ047	BLAINE
MTZ048	SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT
MTZ049	EASTERN TETON
MTZ050	JUDITH BASIN
MTZ051	FERGUS
MTZ052	JEFFERSON
MTZ053	BROADWATER
MTZ054	MEAGHER
MTZ055	GALLATIN

\*\*\*WFO GLASGOW AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY\*\*\*

UGC Z	ZONE NAME
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MTZ016	CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST PHILLIPS
MTZ017	CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN VALLEY COUNTY
MTZ020	WESTERN ROOSEVELT COUNTY
MTZ059	NORTHERN PHILLIPS
MTZ060	SOUTHWEST PHILLIPS
MTZ061	NORTH VALLEY
MTZ062	EAST ROOSEVELT

\*\*\*WFO BILLINGS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY\*\*\*

UGC Z	ZONE NAME
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MTZ031	NORTHERN ROSEBUD COUNTY
MTZ038	SOUTHERN BIG HORN COUNTY
MTZ039	EAST CARBON
MTZ056	WEST CARBON
MTZ057	NORTHERN BIG HORN
MTZ058	SOUTH ROSEBUD

TABLE 2. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS.

PRODUCT -----	PIL ID -----	WMO HEADER -----
ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT	ZFP	FPUS55
WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY	WSW	WWUS45
NON-PRECIPITATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY	NPW	WWUS45
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	FFA	RWUS31/WGUS45
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOW	FPUS75
STATE FORECAST PRODUCT	SFP	FPUS65
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	SVS	WWUS34/WWUS55
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	SPS	WWUS35/WWUS85
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	FFS	RWUS32/WGUS75
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	PNS	ABUS34/NOUS45
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	CEM	MMUS40/WOUS45
LOCAL STORM REPORT	LSR	WWUS30/WWUS55
STATE WEATHER ROUNDUP	SWR	ASUS45

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...YOU MAY CALL THE FOLLOWING WFOS:

GREAT FALLS MONTANA - 406-453-9957  
BILLINGS MONTANA - 406-657-6335  
GLASGOW MONTANA - 406-228-4042  
MISSOULA MONTANA - 406-329-4840

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

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