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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-35 CORRECTED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1045 AM EDT FRI AUG 3 2001

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
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FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS
MEMPHIS TENNESSEE...EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27 2001

...CORRECTED WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADERS FOR RED FLAG
WARNINGS/FIRE WEATHER WATCH...AND FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE...

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27 2001 AT 1000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC...500 AM CDT/...SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND
ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...INCLUDING FIRE WEATHER WATCHES AND RED
FLAG WARNINGS...FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES IN NORTHEAST AND EAST CENTRAL
ARKANSAS...NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI AND THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL...WILL BE
TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ IN LITTLE ROCK
ARKANSAS AND JACKSON MISSISSIPPI TO THE NWS OFFICE IN MEMPHIS TENNESSEE.
ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE...WFO MEMPHIS WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR
THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN NORTHEAST ARKANSAS:

CLAY
CRAIGHEAD
CRITTENDEN
CROSS
GREENE
LAWRENCE
MISSISSIPPI
POINSETT
RANDOLPH

IN EAST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS:

LEE
PHILLIPS
ST. FRANCIS

IN NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI:

ALCORN
BENTON
CALHOUN

CHICKASAW
COAHOMA
DESOTO
ITAWAMBA
LAFAYETTE
LEE
MARSHALL
MONROE
PANOLA
PONTOTOC
PRENTISS
QUITMAN
TALLAHATCHIE
TATE
TIPPAH
TISHOMINGO
TUNICA
UNION
YALOBUSHA

IN THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL:
DUNKLIN
PEMISCOT

THE SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE MEMPHIS NWS OFFICE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES...THEREBY PROVIDING AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE FOR NORTHEAST ARKANSAS...EAST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS...NORTH MISSISSIPPI AND THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL...ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:

- ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST IN EAST-CENTRAL ARKANSAS
- HOLLY SPRINGS NATIONAL FOREST IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI
- NORTHERN UNIT OF THE TOMBIGBEE NATIONAL FOREST IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI
- NORTH HALF OF THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY IN NORTH MISSISSIPPI

CUSTOMERS OF NWS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THESE LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS SHOULD NOTE THAT...COINCIDENT WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE MEMPHIS NWS OFFICE...ALL FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS WILL BE ISSUED UNDER NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS. THE IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WMO HEADERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WMO HEADER	AWIPS ID	PIL ID	DESCRIPTION
FNUS54 KMEG	FWFMEM	MEMFWFMEM	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84 KMEG	FWMEM	MEMFWMEM	NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS84 KMEG	RFWMEM	MEMRFWMEM	RED FLAG WARNING AND/OR FIRE WEATHER WATCH *CORRECTED*

THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WMO HEADERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BUT NO PRODUCTS ARE CURRENTLY IN USE AT THIS TIME:

WMO HEADER	AWIPS ID	PIL ID	DESCRIPTION
FNUS74 KMEG	SMFMEM	MEMSMFMEM	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64 KMEG	RDFMEM	MEMRDFMEM	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84 KMEG	FWLMEM	MEMFWLMEM	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS84 KMEG	FWNMEM	MEMFWNMEM	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE *CORRECTED*

THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS IS BASED ON SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BOTH FEDERAL AND NON- FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES. HOWEVER...CURRENT LEGISLATIVE POLICY PROHIBITS THE NWS FROM PROVIDING NON-ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS TO NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES...EXCEPT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.

PLEASE NOTE...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/...NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/...AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ MUST TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF THESE NEW PRODUCTS USING THE NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS.

TO REPEAT...THE NWS OFFICE IN MEMPHIS TENNESSEE WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR NORTHEAST ARKANSAS...EAST CENTRAL ARKANSAS...NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI...AND THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL BEGINNING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27 2001 AT 1000 UTC...500 AM CDT.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE TRANSFER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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