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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-37 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
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
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
TULSA OKLAHOMA...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 NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND
PART OF SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA...WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS WEATHER
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS TO THE NWS OFFICE IN TULSA
OKLAHOMA. ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE...WFO TULSA WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER
FORECASTS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS:
BENTON
CARROLL
CRAWFORD
FRANKLIN
MADISON
SEBASTIAN
WASHINGTON

IN SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA:
LE FLORE

THE SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE
NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE TULSA NWS OFFICE TO TAKE FULL
ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES...THEREBY PROVIDING
AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND THE
FOLLOWING SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:

- WEST SECTIONS OF THE OZARK NATIONAL FOREST
- EXTREME WEST SECTIONS OF OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST

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 TULSA 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
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FNUS54 KTSA	FWFTUL	OKCFWFTUL	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84 KTSA	FWMTUL	OKCFWMTUL	NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS84 KTSA	RFWTUL	OKCRFWTUL	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
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FNUS74 KTSA	SMFTUL	OKCSMFTUL	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64 KTSA	RFDTUL	OKCRFDTUL	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84 KTSA	FWLTUL	OKCFWLTUL	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS84 KTSA	FWNTUL	OKCFWNTUL	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 TULSA OKLAHOMA WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND ONE COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA BEGINNING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27 2001 AT 1000 UTC...500 AM CDT.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE TRANSFER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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