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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-47
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
945 AM EDT THU AUG 30 2001

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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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS FORECAST
OFFICE IN MOBILE ALABAMA...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 2001

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 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 EXTREME SOUTHEAST
MISSISSIPPI WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/
IN JACKSON MISSISSIPPI TO THE NWS OFFICE IN MOBILE ALABAMA. ON THE
EFFECTIVE DATE...WFO MOBILE WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR THE
FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI:

GEORGE
GREENE
PERRY
STONE
WAYNE

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

- NORTH AND EXTREME EAST SECTIONS OF THE DESOTO 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 MOBILE ALABAMA 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 KMOB	FWFMOB	BHMFWMOB	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84 KMOB	FWMMOB	BHMFWMOB	NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS84 KMOB	RFWMOB	BHMRFWMOB	RED FLAG WARNING AND/OR FIRE WEATHER WATCH

THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /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 KMOB	SMFMOB	BHMSMFMOB	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64 KMOB	RFDMOB	BHMRFDMOB	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84 KMOB	FWLMOB	BHMFWLMOB	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS84 KMOB	FWNMOB	BHMFWNMOB	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE

THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE 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/ SUBSCRIBERS 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 MOBILE ALABAMA WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI BEGINNING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 2001 AT 1000 UTC...500 AM CDT.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE TRANSFER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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