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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 01-48
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

FROM: JAMES E. LEE
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS FORECAST
OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 2001

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 2001 AT 1000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC...0500 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 SOUTH MISSISSIPPI WILL BE
TRANSFERRED FROM THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN JACKSON
MISSISSIPPI TO THE NWS OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA. ON THE EFFECTIVE
DATE...WFO NEW ORLEANS WILL ISSUE FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THE FOLLOWING
COUNTIES:

IN SOUTH MISSISSIPPI:

AMITE
HANCOCK
HARRISON
JACKSON
PEARL RIVER
PIKE
WALTHALL
WILKINSON

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

- HOMOCHITTO NATIONAL FOREST DESOTO NATIONAL FOREST
- ST. CATHERINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
- MISSISSIPPI SANDHILL CRANE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
- BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
- GRAND BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

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 NEW ORLEANS 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 KLIX	FWFNEW	NEWFWFNEW	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS84 KLIX	FWMNEW	NEWFWMNEW	NFDRS SITE FORECAST
WWUS84 KLIX	RFWNEW	NEWRFWNEW	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
FNUS74 KLIX	SMFNEW	NEWSMFNEW	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST
FNUS64 KLIX	RFDNEW	NEWRFDNEW	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FNUS84 KLIX	FWLNEW	NEWFWLNEW	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
SHUS84 KLIX	FWNNEW	NEWFWNNEW	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE

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/ 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 NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR SOUTH 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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