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SUBJECT: FORECAST ZONE CONFIGURATION IN EASTERN MAINE...CREATION OF TWO
NEW FORECAST ZONES AND RECONFIGURATION OF TWO FORECAST ZONES...EFFECTIVE
NOVEMBER 5 2001

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...NOVEMBER 5 2001 AT 1900 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...2 PM EST...TWO NEW FORECAST ZONES WILL BE CREATED IN CENTRAL AND
DOWN EAST MAINE. PISCATAQUIS COUNTY WILL BE SPLIT INTO THREE
PORTIONS...NORTHERN...CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN. AS A RESULT...ZONE MEZ010
/CURRENTLY SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS/ WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS...CENTRAL
PISCATAQUIS /MEZ010/ AND SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS /MEZ031/. THE NEW SOUTHERN
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY ZONE WILL HAVE A BREAKPOINT LINE OF 45.12N/69.65W -
45.51N/68.97W. ZONE MEZ004 /NORTHERN PISCATAQUIS/ WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

LIKEWISE...WASHINGTON COUNTY MAINE WILL BE SPLIT INTO THREE
PORTIONS...NORTHERN...CENTRAL AND COASTAL. ZONE MEZ017 /CURRENTLY
INTERIOR WASHINGTON/ WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS...NORTHERN WASHINGTON
/MEZ032/ AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON /MEZ017/. THE NEW NORTHERN WASHINGTON
COUNTY ZONE WILL HAVE A BREAKPOINT LINE OF 45.27N/67.94W - 45.33N/67.45W.
COASTAL WASHINGTON ZONE MEZ030 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FORECASTS FOR PISCATAQUIS AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES
TO BE MORE AREA SPECIFIC...AND AFFECT THE PRODUCTS ISSUED BY NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN CARIBOU MAINE /CAR/
LISTED IN TABLE 2. THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO ANY COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS
WITH THESE ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS AND NO ACTION IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED
RECEIPT OF PRODUCTS FROM WFO CARIBOU.

USERS WHO SELECT INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC ZONES NEED TO TAKE THE
APPROPRIATE ACTION SO YOUR SYSTEM/S/ RECOGNIZE THE NEW ZONE /Z/ UNIVERSAL
GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ AND THE NEW ZONE ALIGNMENTS FOR THESE COUNTIES.
THESE CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT PRODUCTS USING THE COUNTY /C/ FORM OF UGC.
PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

TABLE 1. NEW ZONE CONFIGURATION IDENTIFIERS

NEW ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	UGC /C/ COUNTY
CENTRAL PISCATAQUIS	MEZ010	SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS	MEC021
SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS	MEZ031	N/A	MEC021
CENTRAL WASHINGTON	MEZ017	INTERIOR WASHINGTON	MEC029
NORTHERN WASHINGTON	MEZ032	N/A	MEC029

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID	PIL ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KCAR	ZFPCAR	PWMZFPCAR
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KCAR	FFACAR	PWMFFACAR
NON-PRECIPIATION ADVISORY/WATCH/ WARNING	WWUS71 KCAR	NPWCAR	PWMNPWCAR
WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KCAR	WSWCAR	PWMWSWCAR
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KCAR	SPSCAR	PWMSPSCAR
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS51 KCAR	SVSCAR	PWMSVSCAR
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	WOUS41 KCAR	CEMCAR	PWMCEMCAR
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KCAR	PNSCAR	PWMPNSCAR
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KCAR	NOWCAR	PWMNOWCAR
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS71 KCAR	FFSCAR	PWMFFSCAR
RIVER FLOOD WARNING	WGUS41 KCAR	FLWCAR	PWMFLWCAR
LOCAL STORM REPORT	WWUS30 KCAR	LSRCAR	PWMLSRCAR

NOTE: NOAA WEATHER WIRE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS ARE REMINDED THE USE OF PIL IDENTIFIERS WILL BE DISCONTINUED ON THE NWS ON OCTOBER 1 2001.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW FORECAST ZONES...THE ZONE CONFIGURATION OF NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST AROOSTOOK COUNTIES /ZONES 001 AND 002 RESPECTIVELY/ WILL ALSO CHANGE. THE NEW BOUNDARY BETWEEN THESE TWO ZONES WILL HAVE A BREAKPOINT OF 46.57N/68.82W - 47.27N/68.11W. THIS ADJUSTMENT WAS MADE FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL REASONS.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHOWING ALL THE NEW ZONE CONFIGURATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE BY OCTOBER 5 2001 /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WSOM.NWS.NOAA.GOV/](http://wsom.nws.noaa.gov/)

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