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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-11  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
430 PM EST THU FEB 21 2002

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

SUBJECT: END-STATE WMO/AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS GO INTO EFFECT FOR  
WESTERN REGION WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE  
APRIL 2 2002

ON TUESDAY APRIL 2 2002...AT 1 AM PST /2 AM MST/...24 NWS WEATHER FORECAST  
OFFICES /WFOS/ IN THE WESTERN U.S. WILL COMPLETE TRANSITION TO END-STATE  
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ COMMUNICATION HEADERS FOR THEIR  
FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...SEE TABLE 1. THE SECOND LINE OF THE PRODUCT  
HEADER...KNOWN AS THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM  
/AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER...WILL ALSO BE FINALIZED TO REFLECT MODERN SITE  
LOCATION IDENTIFIERS /E.G... GTF /GREAT FALLS/ WILL BECOME TFX...  
ETC./. THIS WILL AFFECT FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS ISSUED BY OFFICES IN THE  
FOLLOWING STATES:  
OREGON...WASHINGTON...CALIFORNIA...ARIZONA...NEVADA...UTAH...IDAHO AND  
MONTANA.

TABLE 1: PRODUCTS AFFECTED:

FWF	FIRE WEATHER /PRE-SUPPRESSION/ FORECAST
RFW	RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH STATEMENT
FWM	MISCELLANEOUS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT - NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM TREND FORECAST
FWO	FIRE WEATHER OBSERVATION - NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS
SMF	SMOKE MANAGEMENT FORECAST
FWS	SITE SPECIFIC /SPOT/ FORECAST
FWL	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
RFD	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
FWN	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE
FDI	FIRE DANGER INDICES - NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM INDICES

TO ASSIST NWS CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH THIS TRANSITION...A SPECIAL WEBSITE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED. THE SITE LISTS ALL OF THE WESTERN REGION WFO FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND THEIR END STATE HEADERS. THE WEBSITE ADDRESS IS /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WW2.WRH.NOAA.GOV/PUBLIC/WMOHEADERS/FIREWX.HTM](http://ww2.wrh.noaa.gov/public/wmoheaders/firewx.htm)

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL USERS OF NWS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS ORIGINATING FROM THE WESTERN U.S. MAKE SURE THAT THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DIRECTORIES EXACTLY MATCH THE HEADERS LISTED...STARTING ON APRIL 2. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL PREVENT HIGH PRIORITY FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FROM REACHING THEIR INTENDED AUDIENCE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS TRANSITION...PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN THE WESTERN REGION OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NWS WESTERN REGION CONTACTS IN SALT LAKE CITY UTAH:

SCOTT BIRCH           801-524-4000  
CRAIG SCHMIDT       801-524-4000

NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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