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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-11...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
430 PM EST THU MAR 6 2003

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: GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: UPDATED: FORECAST ZONE CHANGES IN NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA:
EFFECTIVE APRIL 30 2003

UPDATED EFFECTIVE DATE - THE EFFECTIVE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM
MONDAY...MARCH 31 TO WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003. THE UPDATED ZONE MAP
SHAPEFILE CAN NOW BE DOWNLOADED...SEE THE WEBSITE BELOW IN PARAGRAPH FOUR
/4/.

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...100 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME...TWO NEW FORECAST ZONES WILL BE
CREATED IN NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA. WAYNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA /CURRENTLY
PAZ040/ WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS...NORTHERN WAYNE /PAZ040/ AND
SOUTHERN WAYNE /PAZ072/. THE BREAKPOINT LINE BETWEEN NORTHERN WAYNE AND
SOUTHERN WAYNE ZONES WILL EXTEND FROM 41.63N/75.46W - 41.60N/75.07W. THIS
CHANGE WILL ALLOW FORECASTS FOR WAYNE COUNTY TO BE MORE AREA SPECIFIC.

THESE CHANGES AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN BINGHAMTON NEW YORK /BGM/. REFER TO TABLE 1 FOR
NEW ZONE NAMES AND CODES. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN
TABLE 2.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE REALIGNED ZONES IS AVAILABLE
FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm)

NWS CUSTOMERS WHO AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 1 USING
THE Z FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ MAY NEED TO PROGRAM THE
NEW Z CODES INTO THEIR SYSTEM/S/ NO LATER THAN APRIL 30 2003 TO CONTINUE
TO PROCESS THE PRODUCTS.

TABLE 1. OLD AND NEW ZONE NAMES AND ZONE CODES /Z FORM OF THE UGC/

NEW ZONE NAME	NEW UGC /Z/	OLD ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/
NORTHERN WAYNE	PAZ040	WAYNE	PAZ040
SOUTHERN WAYNE	PAZ072	WAYNE	PAZ040

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

PRODUCT NAME -----	WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS51 KBGM	ZFPBGM
DIGITAL FORECAST	FOUS51 KBGM	RDFBGM
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	FLUS41 KBGM	HWOBGM
FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WATCH	WGUS61 KBGM	FFABGM
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS71 KBGM	NPWBGM
WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS41 KBGM	WSWBGM
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS81 KBGM	SPSBGM
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS71 KBGM	NOWBGM
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FNUS51 KBGM	FWFBGM
RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS81 KBGM	RFWBGM
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	NOUS41 KBGM	PNSBGM
HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK	FGUS71 KBGM	ESFBGM
HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT	FGUS81 KBGM	RVSBGM
HYDROMET DATA /PUBLIC/	SXUS51 KBGM	HYDBGM
RECREATIONAL FORECAST	SXUS41 KBGM	RECBGM
DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY	FGUS51 KBGM	RVDBGM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COUNTY CODES USED FOR TORNADO...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM...AND FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS...AS WELL AS CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENTS...REMAIN UNCHANGED SINCE THOSE PRODUCTS USE THE COUNTY /C/ FORM OF THE UGC.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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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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