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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-15 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 430 PM EST THU MAR 6 2003

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FROM: GLENN AUSTIN

ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA: EFFECTIVE APRIL 30 2003

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY...APRIL 30 2003 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...200 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME...THREE SHARED ZONE BOUNDARIES WILL BE REALIGNED IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA...AFFECTING SIX ZONES. THESE CHANGES WILL NOT AFFECT ZONE NAMING OR NUMBERING...BUT RATHER THE LINE OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN THE ZONES. THIS CHANGE AFFECTS PAZ018 /NORTHERN CENTRE/...PAZ019 /SOUTHERN CENTRE/...PAZ012 /NORTHERN CLINTON/...PAZ045 /SOUTHERN CLINTON/...PAZ041 /NORTHERN LYCOMING/ AND PAZ046 /SOUTHERN LYCOMING/.

IN GENERAL...THE NEW LINE WILL RUN ALONG THE SOUTHERN BASE OF BLACK MOSHANNON STATE FOREST AND SPROUL STATE FORESTS IN CENTRE AND CLINTON COUNTIES. THIS LINE IS JUST NORTH OF BALD EAGLE CREEK AND BALD EAGLE MOUNTAIN RANGE. IN LYCOMING COUNTY...THE LINE RUNS ALONG THE SOUTHERN BASE OF THE TIADAGHTON STATE FOREST NORTH OF WILLIAMSPORT.

THESE CHANGES AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN STATE COLLEGE PENNSYLVANIA /CTP/. REFER TO TABLE 1 FOR ZONE NAMES AND CODES. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS OR ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS WITH THIS REALIGNMENT AND NO ACTION IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED RECEIPT OF PRODUCTS FROM WFO CTP.

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

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM

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

| ZONE NAME |          | UGC /Z/ |
|-----------|----------|---------|
|           | -        |         |
| NORTHERN  | CENTRE   | PAZ018  |
| SOUTHERN  | CENTRE   | PAZ019  |
| NORTHERN  | CLINTON  | PAZ012  |
| SOUTHERN  | CLINTON  | PAZ045  |
| NORTHERN  | LYCOMING | PAZ041  |
| SOUTHERN  | LYCOMING | PAZ046  |

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES

| PRODUCT NAME                             | WMO HEADING | AWIPS ID |
|--|-------------|----------|
|  |             |          |
| CENTRAL PA ZONE FORECAST                 | FPUS51 KCTP | ZFPCTP   |
| NON-PRECIPITATION ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING | WWUS71 KCTP | NPWCTP   |
| WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING      | WWUS41 KCTP | WSWCTP   |
| SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT                | WWUS81 KCTP | SPSCTP   |
| SHORT-TERM FORECAST                      | FPUS71 KCTP | NOWCTP   |
| FIRE WEATHER FORECAST                    | FNUS51 KCTP | FWFCTP   |
| REVISED DIGITAL ZONE FORECAST            | FOUS51 KCTP | RDFCTP   |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT             | NOUS41 KCTP | PNSCTP   |
| FLOOD WATCH                              | WGUS61 KCTP | FFACTP   |
| HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK                | FLUS41 KCTP | HWOCTP   |
| DAILY RIVER AND LAKE SUMMARY             | FGUS51 KCTP | RVDCTP   |
| HYDROLOGIC STATEMENT                     | FGUS81 KCTP | RVSCTP   |

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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HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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