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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-37...UPDATED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
420 PM EDT THU AUG 21 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...RESTRUCTURING OF PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND
WARNING PRODUCT COLLECTIVES AND MODERNIZING OF COMMUNICATIONS HEADINGS IN
ALASKA: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9 2003

UPDATED TO CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FROM SEPTEMBER 3 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 9
2003. NO OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ORIGINAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE HAS
CHANGED.

ON TUESDAY...SEPTEMBER 9 2003...AT 400 PM ALASKA DAYLIGHT TIME /ADT/...800
PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME /EDT/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA WILL MODIFY SEVERAL OF
THEIR PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER TEXT PRODUCTS...INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED
WINTER WEATHER AND NON-PRECIPIATION WATCH...WARNING AND ADVISORY
STATEMENTS.

CURRENTLY...WFO ANCHORAGE ISSUES CERTAIN PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
AND WARNING PRODUCTS UNDER FOUR /4/ UNIQUE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS AND ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING
SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDS TO COVER THE ZONES WITHIN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF
RESPONSIBILITY. THIS CHANGE WILL CONSOLIDATE THOSE ZONES INTO TWO /2/
PRODUCT COLLECTIVES INSTEAD OF FOUR /4/. SEE TABLE 1 FOR A COMPLETE
LISTING OF THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND THE NEW PROPOSED
PRODUCTS. TABLE 2 PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHANGES.

THE FORMAT OF THE FORECASTS AND WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS WILL NOT
CHANGE...BUT THE LENGTH OF THE PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE DUE TO THE
CONSOLIDATION OF THE ZONES.

TABLE 1. WFO ANCHORAGE PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS BEING CONSOLIDATED. NOTE: W/W/A STANDS FOR WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY.

OLD WMO HEADING -----	OLD PRODUCT -----
FPAK51 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK52 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK53 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST ALASKA PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK54 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FNAK51 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK52 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK53 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST ALASKA ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK54 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK71 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA ZONE SPOT WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK72 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK73 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST ALASKA SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK74 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
WWAK41 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK42 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK43 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST AK WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK44 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK61 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK62 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK63 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST AK RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK64 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK71 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK NON-PRECIPIATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK72 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH NON-PRECIPIATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK73 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST AK NON-PRECIPIATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK74 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING NON-PRECIPIATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK81 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK82 PAFC	WRANGELL/CHUGACH SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK83 PAFC	SOUTH AND WEST AK SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK84 PAFC	ALEUTIAN AND BERING SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
NEW WMO HEADING -----	NEW PRODUCT -----
FPAK51 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FPAK52 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST
FNAK51 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK52 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK ZONE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK71 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
FNAK72 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK SPOT FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
WWAK41 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK42 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK WINTER WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK61 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK62 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK RED FLAG WARNING
WWAK71 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK NON-PRECIPIATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK72 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK NON-PRECIPIATION WEATHER W/W/A
WWAK81 PAFC	SOUTH CENTRAL AK SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT
WWAK82 PAFC	SOUTHWEST AK SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

TABLE 2. RESTRUCTURING OF PUBLIC AND FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND WARNINGS UNDER EXISTING WMO HEADINGS

OLD WMO HEADING	OLD AWIPS ID	NEW AWIPS ID	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
FPAK51 PAFC	ZFPAFC	ZFPAER	ADD PUBLIC ZONES AKZ125-131-135-141-171 TO THE PRODUCTS
FNAK51 PAFC	FWFAFC	FWFAER	
FNAK71 PAFC			
WWAK41 PAFC	WSW AFC	WSWAER	
WWAK61 PAFC	RFW AFC	RFWAER	
WWAK71 PAFC	NPW AFC	NPWAER	
WWAK81 PAFC	SPS AFC	SPSAER	
FPAK52 PAFC	ZFPWCM	ZFPALU	REMOVE PUBLIC ZONES AKZ125-131-135-141 FROM PRODUCT. ADD PUBLIC ZONES AKZ151-155-161-181-185-191-195 TO THE PRODUCTS.
FNAK52 PAFC	FWFWCM	FWFALU	
FNAK72 PAFC			
WWAK42 PAFC	WSWWCM	WSWALU	
WWAK62 PAFC	RFWWCM	RFWALU	
WWAK72 PAFC	NPWWCM	NPWALU	
WWAK82 PAFC	SPSWCM	SPSALU	
FPAK53 PAFC	ZFPSWB	N/A	DELETE PRODUCTS
FNAK53 PAFC	FWFSWB		
FNAK73 PAFC			
WWAK43 PAFC	WSWSWB		
WWAK63 PAFC	RFWSWB		
WWAK73 PAFC	NPWSWB		
WWAK83 PAFC	SPSSWB		
FPAK54 PAFC	ZFPALU	N/A	DELETE PRODUCTS
FNAK54 PAFC	FWFALU		
FNAK74 PAFC			
WWAK44 PAFC	WSWALU		
WWAK64 PAFC	RFWALU		
WWAK74 PAFC	NPWALU		
WWAK84 PAFC	SPSALU		

A WEB PAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW USERS TO VIEW SAMPLE PRODUCTS EXHIBITING THESE CHANGES. SEE EXAMPLES AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ARH.NOAA.GOV/PUBCHG.PHP](http://www.arh.noaa.gov/pubchg.php)

PARTNERS/CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING POINT OF CONTACT IF THEY BELIEVE THE CHANGES WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THEIR OPERATIONS:

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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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