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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-09 CORRECTED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 430 PM EST THU MAR 4 2004

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS USERS OF FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: CORRECTED: FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND RED FLAG WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONES 609...610 AND 611 TRANSFERRING TO WFO PENDLETON FROM WFO PORTLAND: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2004

CORRECTED TO CHANGE:

- ENTRIES IN TABLE 2: PDT LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ ID FROM FWLPDT TO FWFPDT.
- ALL FOUR WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS FOR FIRE WEATHER WATCH AND RED FLAG WARNING FROM FNUS70 TO WWUS86.
- THE ASTERISK /\*/ STATEMENT

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY APRIL 1 2004 AT 500 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME /PDT/...1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...FIRE WEATHER FORECAST AND RED FLAG WARNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONES 609...610 AND 611 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ PORTLAND OREGON /PQR/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ TO THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN PENDLETON OREGON /PDT/. TABLE 1 PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE ZONES BEING TRANSFERRED.

NWS CUSTOMERS WHO AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLE 2 MAY NEED TO REPROGRAM THEIR SYSTEM/S/ NO LATER THAN APRIL 1 2004 TO CONTINUE PROCESSING THE PRODUCTS ACCURATELY.

THE ZONE NUMBERS...NAMES...DESCRIPTION AND SHAPEFILES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE FIRE WEATHER ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE AS A SHAPEFILE AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

TABLE 1: OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONES TRANSFERRING TO WFO PENDLETON FROM WFO PORTLAND ON APRIL 1 2004

ZONE NUMBER ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION

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609 EAST SLOPE OF NORTHERN OREGON CASCADES

610 EAST SLOPE OF CENTRAL OREGON CASCADES

611 DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST /MINUS SISTERS RANGER DISTRICT/

TABLE 2: FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE ZONES BEING TRANSFERRED TO WFO PENDLETON ON APRIL 1 2004

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	/NEW/ FNUS56 KPDT /OLD/ FNUS56 KPQR	/NEW/ FWFPDT */OLD/ FWFPQR
LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST	/NEW/ FNUS56 KPDT /OLD/ FNUS56 KPQR	/NEW/ FWFPDT */OLD/ FWLPQR
NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM FORECAST	/NEW/ FNUS86 KPDT */OLD/ FNUS86 KPQR	/NEW/ FWMPDT */OLD/ FWMPQR
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	/NEW/ WWUS86 KPDT /OLD/ WWUS86 KPQR	/NEW/ RFWPDT */OLD/ RFWPQR
RED FLAG WARNING	/NEW/ WWUS86 KPDT /OLD/ WWUS86 KPQR	/NEW/ RFWPDT */OLD/ RFWPQR

\*THESE OLD PRODUCTS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST...BUT WILL NO LONGER CONTAIN INFORMATION FOR FIRE ZONES 609...610 AND 611.

THE REASON FOR THE SHORT ADVANCE LEAD TIME OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION IS BECAUSE USER MEETINGS WITH THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST COORDINATING GROUP/S FIRE WEATHER WORKING TEAM DID NOT OCCUR UNTIL FEBRUARY 2004. FIRE WEATHER USERS REQUESTED THAT THE TRANSFER OF SERVICES BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE START OF LAND MANAGEMENT SEASON...WHICH WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2004.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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

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