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- 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: EXISTING WFO SALT LAKE CITY FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR ZONES 427...428...429...431...432...436...437 AND 438: EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2004

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY MAY 1 2004 AT 800 A.M. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME /MDT/...1400 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN SALT LAKE CITY UTAH WILL CHANGE THE EXISTING FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARIES FOR FIRE WEATHER ZONES 427...428...429...431... 432...436...437 AND 438. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGES TO FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARIES IS TO ALLOW THE ZONES TO BE GROUPED BY INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER. A LIST OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS IS SHOWN BELOW IN TABLE 1.

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

THE UPDATED 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

THE CHANGES THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ZONE 427 AND 428 WILL MOVE TO THE SUMMIT...DUCHESNE COUNTY LINE SUCH THAT THE WASATCH CACHE NATIONAL FOREST IN THE UINTA MOUNTAINS IS IN ZONE 427.

- THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ZONE 429 AND ZONE 432 WILL MOVE TO THE CARBON...DUCHESNE COUNTY LINE.

- THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ZONE 431 AND 436 WILL MOVE TO THE LINE BETWEEN THE SANPETE AND PRICE/FERRON DISTRICTS OF THE MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST.

- THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ZONE 432 AND 438 WILL MOVE TO THE EMERY...WAYNE COUNTY LINE SUCH THAT RICHFIELD BLM IN WAYNE COUNTY EAST OF CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK IS NOW IN ZONE 438.

- THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ZONE 437 AND 438 WILL MOVE TO THE WESTERN BORDER OF CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK SUCH THAT THE ENTIRE PARK IS INCLUDED IN ZONE 438.

TABLE 1: PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY SALT LAKE CITY WFO FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES: EFFECTIVE MAY 1 2004

PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FNUS55 KSLC	FWFSLC
LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST	FNUS85 KSLC	FWLSLC
NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM FORECAST	FNUS85 KSLC	FWMSLC
FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS85 KSLC	RFWSLC
RED FLAG WARNING	WWUS85 KSLC	RFWSLC

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 CHANGES BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2004 LAND MANAGEMENT SEASON...WHICH BEGAN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2004.

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

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