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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: PUBLIC FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 16 2004

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16 2004 AT 2100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...100 PM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME /PST/...THE BOUNDARIES FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES 28 AND 60 WILL BE MODIFIED. THIS CHANGE WILL AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/.

AN EXPLICIT LIST OF IMPACTED PRODUCTS IS POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/LASVEGAS/CWACHANGE.PHP

THESE CHANGES ARE DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS FOR UNIFIED SUPPORT TO A CONNECTED SERIES OF COMMUNITIES ALONG HIGHWAY 62 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

THE ZONE CONFIGURATION FOR THOSE ZONES WILL CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THE SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE WFO LAS VEGAS EXISTING COUNTY WARNING AND FORECAST AREA /CWFA/ WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITIES OF YUCCA VALLEY AND MORONGO VALLEY BY INCORPORATING A NARROW STRIP OF LAND ALONG BOTH SIDES OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY 62. THE WESTERNMOST BORDER OF THIS EXTENSION APPROXIMATES THE 4000 FOOT ELEVATION CONTOUR BUT IS STRICTLY DEFINED BY THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- THE INTERSECTION OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY 247 AND PIPES CANYON ROAD /34.20N 116.60W/
- SOUTHWEST TO THE POINT WHERE PIONEERTOWN ROAD CROSSES THE 4000 FOOT ELEVATION MARKER /34.14N 116.47W/
- CONTINUING SOUTHWEST TO THE 4000 FT ELEVATION MARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BIG MORONGO CANYON IN THE BIGHORN AND WHITEWATER RECREATION LANDS /34.10N 116.60W/ THEN SOUTH TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY LINE /34.03N 116.62W/.

FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES...THIS AREA WILL BE MERGED INTO THE TERRITORY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS CALIFORNIA ZONE 28 /CAZ028/ - SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DESERTS.

- 2. THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WFO SAN DIEGO COUNTY WARNING AREA /CWA/WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE AN AREA FROM:
- THE TRIPLE POINT OF KERN...LOS ANGELES AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES /34.82N 117.64W/
- EASTWARD TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA /34.74N 116.42W/
- THEN FOLLOWING SOUTHWARD ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE TRAINING AREA UNTIL IT BEGINS VEERING OFF TOWARD THE SOUTHEAST AT 34.36N 116.40W EXTENDING SOUTHWEST TO THE INTERSECTION OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY 247 WITH MIKISKA BLVD /34.32N 116.48W/.

FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES...THIS AREA WILL BE MERGED INTO THE TERRITORY CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS CALIFORNIA ZONE 60 /CAZ060/...AND RENAMED APPLE AND LUCERNE VALLEYS.

WFO LAS VEGAS WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC FORECAST SERVICES IN THE AREA ALONG HIGHWAY 62...INCLUDING THE COMMUNITIES OF YUCCA VALLEY AND MORONGO VALLEY...AND WESTWARD UP TO THE 4000 FOOT ELEVATION MARK.

WFO SAN DIEGO WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC FORECAST SERVICES IN THE AREA FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY...KERN COUNTY...AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY LINES EAST TO ...BUT NOT INCLUDING...THE TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE CORPS TRAINING CENTER...THEN SOUTHWEST ALONG MIKISKA BLVD TO THE CURRENT SAN DIEGO CWA BOUNDARY. IN ADDITION...WFO SAN DIEGO WILL MAINTAIN SUPPORT AND SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS FOR ALL LOCATIONS ABOVE THE 4000 FOOT ELEVATION MARK...INCLUDING PIONEERTOWN.

FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NEWLY ACQUIRED AREAS WILL INCLUDE WARNINGS...WATCHES...ADVISORIES...OUTLOOKS...STATEMENTS...NOWCASTS... ROUTINE FORECAST PRODUCTS AND ANY RELEVANT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPOTTER TRAINING.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES FOR AVIATION SERVICES...FIRE WEATHER SERVICES OR COOPERATIVE OBSERVER SUPPORT.

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

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

ALSO...A MAP SHOWING THIS ZONE COUNTY WARNING FORECAST AREA ASSIGNMENT CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/LASVEGAS/IMAGES/NEW CWFA.JPG

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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