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FROM: JAMES E. LEE

CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CORRECTED...PUBLIC FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION IN

SOUTHERN MONTANA...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30 2004

CORRECTED SHAPEFILE LINK.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...NOVEMBER 30 2004 AT 2100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...100 PM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME /PST/...THE BOUNDARIES FOR MONTANA PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES 28...34...40...41...42 AND 56 WILL BE MODIFIED. ADDITIONALLY...SIX NEW ZONES WILL BE CREATED...ZONES 63 THROUGH 68. THIS CHANGE WILL AFFECT PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE NWS FORECAST OFFICE IN BILLINGS MONTANA.

AN EXPLICIT LIST OF IMPACTED PRODUCTS IS POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/ UNDER THE LOCAL NEWS SECTION:

## HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/BILLINGS/INDEX.SHTML

THESE CHANGES ARE DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS FOR MORE DETAILED FORECASTS IN THE MOUNTAINS AND ADJACENT FOOTHILLS IN SOUTH CENTRAL MONTANA.

THE ZONE CONFIGURATION FOR THOSE ZONES WILL CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

NEW ZONES TO BE CREATED:

ZONE 63 - JUDITH GAP - MTZ063

ZONE 64 - PARADISE VALLEY - MTZ064

ZONE 65 - LIVINGSTON AREA - MTZ065

ZONE 66 - BEARTOOTH FOOTHILLS /DELINEATED BY THE 4500 FT AND 6000 FT ELEVATIONS/ - MTZ066

ZONE 67 - ABSAROKEE/BEARTOOTH MTNS /ABOVE 6000 FT/ - MTZ067

ZONE 68 - CRAZY MTNS - MTZ068

## ZONES THAT WILL BE CHANGED OR MODIFIED:

ZONE 28 - WHEATLAND BECOMES SOUTHERN WHEATLAND - MTZ028

ZONE 34 - STILLWATER BECOMES NORTHERN STILLWATER - MTZ034

ZONE 40 - PARK COUNTY BECOMES NORTHERN PARK COUNTY - MTZ040

ZONE 41 - SWEET GRASS BECOMES NORTHERN SWEET GRASS - MTZ041

ZONE 42 - GOLDEN VALLEY MODIFIED TO REMOVE EXTREME NORTHERN PORTION OF COUNTY - MTZ042

ZONE 56 - WESTERN CARBON COUNTY BECOMES RED LODGE FOOTHILLS /DELINATED BY THE 4500 FT AND 6000 FT ELEVATIONS/ - MTZ056

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

## 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 LETTERS/ UNDER THE LOCAL NEWS SECTION:

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

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