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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-07 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 300 PM EST FRI FEB 25 2005

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: DOUGLAS C. YOUNG ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FIRE WEATHER ZONE BOUNDARY MODIFICATION IN NORTH CENTRAL OREGON AND SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2005

ON FRIDAY...APRIL 1 2005...AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...4 AM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME...THE BOUNDARY FOR OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONE 609 /EAST SLOPES OF NORTH OREGON CASCADES/ WILL BE EXPANDED NORTHWARD INTO SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON TO MEET WASHINGTON FIRE ZONE 681. THE EASTERN PORTION OF THIS EXTENSION WILL BE HIGHWAY 197 TO THE DALLES...ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER EAST TO BIGGS...TO HIGHWAY 97 NORTH PAST GOLDENDALE TO SATUS PASS. THE AREA DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL NO LONGER BE IN FIRE WEATHER ZONE 631. THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE NEW ZONE 609 CONFIGURATION WILL BE THE CURRENT WESTERN BOUNDARY OF OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONE 631. THE NEW NAME FOR FIRE WEATHER ZONE 609 WILL BE THE EAST SLOPES OF THE NORTH OREGON AND SOUTHERN WASHINGTON CASCADES.

THE REASON FOR THIS CHANGE IS THAT THIS AREA EXPERIENCES METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS THAT MORE CLOSELY MATCH THOSE FOUND IN OREGON FIRE WEATHER ZONE 609. THE CONFIGURATION CHANGE IS REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT. NOTE: THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS AND THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDS ARE THE SAME:

FIRE WEATHER	PRODUCT		WMO	HEADING	AWIPS	ID	
FIRE WEATHER	PLANNING	FORECAST	FNUS	S56 KPDT	FWFPD	Г	

NAME CHANGE FOR ORZ609 ONLY

FROM: EAST SLOPES OF NORTH OREGON CASCADES TO: THE EAST SLOPES OF THE NORTH OREGON AND SOUTHERN WASHINGTON CASCADES

EVEN THOUGH THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION FOR THIS CHANGE IS LESS THAN 120 DAYS... LOCAL FIRE WEATHER CUSTOMERS HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. ALL CUSTOMERS IN THE AFFECTED AREA ARE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ZONE CONFIGURATION CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

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