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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-09  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
915 AM EST THU MAR 3 2005

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ 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: CHANGE OF FIRE WEATHER RESPONSIBILITY AND FIRE WEATHER ZONES AT  
WFO GAYLORD MICHIGAN...EFFECTIVE MARCH 15 2005

EFFECTIVE MARCH 15 2005 AT 0000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS  
OFFICE IN GAYLORD MICHIGAN /APX/ WILL NO LONGER ISSUE FIRE WEATHER  
FORECASTS FOR THE SOUTHERN THREE QUARTERS OF MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST  
/NF/. FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS FOR THIS PART OF MANISTEE WILL BE ASSUMED BY  
WFO GRAND RAPIDS. REFER TO [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-08](#).

ADDITIONALLY...WFO GAYLORD WILL RECONFIGURE ITS FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR ITS  
REMAINING FORECAST AREA.

MICHIGAN ZONE MIZ500 WILL NO LONGER BE USED.

FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS ISSUED BY WFO GAYLORD WILL USE NEW FIRE WEATHER  
ZONES. THE FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBER AND THE DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE  
FIVE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES ARE SHOWN BELOW.

ZONE NUMBER	ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION
MIZ016	EMMET...CHEBOYGAN...CHARLEVOIX...ANTRIM...OTSEGO AND MONTMORENCY COUNTIES
MIZ020	LEELANAU...BENZIE...GRAND TRAVERSE AND KALKASKA COUNTIES
MIZ031	MANISTEE...WEXFORD AND MISSAUKEE COUNTIES... INCLUDING THE NORTHERN QUARTER OF MANISTEE NF
MIZ028	CRAWFORD...OSCODA...ROSCOMMON...OGEMAW AND GLADWIN COUNTIES...INCLUDING WESTERN HURON NF
MIZ018	PRESQUE ISLE...ALPENA...ALCONA...IOSCO AND ARENAC COUNTIES...INDLUING EASTERN HURON NF

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS POLICY  
/NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL ADVANCE LEAD TIME  
WAS APPROVED BECAUSE ALL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL FIRE WEATHER CUSTOMERS ARE  
READY TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHANGE ON MARCH 15...AND THE BENEFITS FROM DOING  
SO WERE MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN PROVIDING THE REQUIRED 120-DAY NOTIFICATION  
PERIOD.

THE SHAPEFILES OF THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR BOTH WFO GRAND RAPIDS AND WFO GAYLORD ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SERVICE CHANGE AND/OR PRODUCT ADDITIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE)

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