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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-19
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
330 PM EDT THU JUN 9 2005

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
USERS OF FIRE WEATHER FORECASTS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: ELI JACKS
CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGE OF FIRE WEATHER ZONES ISSUED BY WFO GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN:
EFFECTIVE JULY 5 2005

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...JULY 5 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...1901
CENTRAL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME /CDT/ NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN
GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN /GRR/ WILL RECONFIGURE ITS FIRE WEATHER ZONES
UTILIZING THE ONE COUNTY...ONE FIRE WEATHER ZONE CONCEPT.

THE PRESENT FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND A DESCRIPTION OF EACH ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

ZONE NUMBER	ZONE DESCRIPTION
MI ZN 037	MASON...LAKE...OSCEOLA...NEWAYGO...AND MECOSTA COUNTIES...INCLUDING THE SOUTHERN THREE QUARTERS OF MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST /NF/
MI ZN 040	CLARE AND ISABELLA COUNTIES
MI ZN 050	MUSKEGON...OTTAWA...ALLEGAN AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES
MI ZN 051	MONTCALM...GRATIOT...KENT...IONIA AND CLINTON COUNTIES
MI ZN 065	BARRY...EATON...INGHAM...KALAMAZOO...CALHOUN AND JACKSON COUNTIES

THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND A DESCRIPTION OF EACH ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

MI ZN 037	MASON...INCLUDING WEST CENTRAL MANISTEE NF
MI ZN 038	LAKE...INCLUDING EAST CENTRAL MANISTEE NF
MI ZN 039	OSCEOLA
MI ZN 040	CLARE
MI ZN 043	OCEANA...INCLUDING SOUTHWEST MANISTEE NF
MI ZN 044	NEWAYGO...INCLUDING SOUTHEAST MANISTEE NF
MI ZN 045	MECOSTA
MI ZN 046	ISABELLA
MI ZN 050	MUSKEGON
MI ZN 051	MONTCALM
MI ZN 052	GRATIOT

MI ZN 056 OTTAWA
MI ZN 057 KENT
MI ZN 058 IONIA
MI ZN 059 CLINTON
MI ZN 064 ALLEGAN
MI ZN 065 BARRY
MI ZN 066 EATON
MI ZN 067 INGHAM
MI ZN 071 VAN BUREN
MI ZN 072 KALAMAZOO
MI ZN 073 CALHOUN
MI ZN 074 JACKSON

A SHAPEFILE OF THE NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONES IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

THE REASON FOR THE SHORT ADVANCE LEAD TIME IS BECAUSE THESE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC//GRAPHICAL HAZARDS GENERATOR /GHG/. THEREFORE...IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE FIRE WEATHER ZONE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WFO DETROIT...WHICH IS PARTICIPATING IN THE BETA TEST OF VTEC/GHG...CAN TEST THE CHANGES.

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

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

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