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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-20 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 835 AM EDT TUE JUN 14 2005

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS

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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: ELI JACKS

CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES IN MISSOULA MONTANA AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY...EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31 2005

ON WEDNESDAY...AUGUST 31 2005...AT 2200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...4 PM MDT...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN MISSOULA MONTANA WILL IMPLEMENT ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC PROGRAM. IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS...THESE CHANGES ARE BEING MADE TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC FORECASTS AND WARNINGS FOR WEST CENTRAL MONTANA.

NWS CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO CONTINUE TO PROPERLY RECEIVE WFO MISSOULA PUBLIC FORECAST AND WARNING PRODUCTS FOR THE RECONFIGURED ZONES.

THE ZONE NAME/DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO CURRENT AND PROPOSED MODIFIED PUBLIC ZONES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT ZONES

MTZ007 - BUTTE/PINTLAR REGION

MTZ043 - BLACKFOOT REGION

MODIFIED ZONES

MTZ007 - BUTTE/BLACKFOOT REGION

MTZ043 - POTOMAC/SEELEY LAKE REGION

THE CHANGE WILL MODIFY THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN MTZ007 AND MTZ043. THE EXISTING BOUNDARY THAT FOLLOWS THE INTERSTATE 90 /I-90/ COORIDOR FROM NEAR BEARMOUTH TO GARRISON WILL BE SHIFTED NORTHWARD ALONG THE MISSOULA AND POWELL COUNTY LINE TO JUST NORTH OF THE HIGHWAY 200 COORIDOR NEAR CLEARWATER JUNCTION EAST TO THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE. THE EXPANDED ZONE MTZ007 WILL NOW INCLUDE THE COMMUNITIES OF ANACONDA...DEER LODGE...DRUMMOND...PHILIPSBURG AND OVANDO.

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

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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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