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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 06-34 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 825 AM EDT WED OCT 11 2006

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

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR PARTS OF WESTERN MARYLAND AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15 2006

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY...NOVEMBER 15 2006 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...100 PM EST...SIX NEW FORECAST ZONES WILL BE CREATED IN WESTERN MARYLAND AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA. ALLEGANY /MDZ002/...GRANT /WVZ048/...AND MINERAL /WVZ049/ WILL EACH BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS. THESE CHANGES WILL ALLOW FORECASTS AND LONG FUSED WARNINGS FOR THESE COUNTIES TO BE MORE AREA SPECIFIC.

THIS ZONE CHANGE REQUIRES CERTAIN SUBSCRIBERS TO THE NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ AND THE FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/...PRIMARILY CABLE TV OUTLETS...TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECEIVE THE ZONES USING THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ ZONE CODE FORMAT /Z/ LISTED IN TABLE 1. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2.

TABLE 1. NEW ZONE CONFIGURATION IDENTIFIERS

NEW ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/	EXISTING ZONE NAME	UGC /Z/
EXTREME WESTERN ALLEGANY CENTRAL AND EASTERN ALLEGANY	MDZ501 MDZ502	ALLEGANY ALLEGANY	MDZ002 MDZ002
WESTERN GRANT	WVZ501	GRANT	WVZ048
EASTERN GRANT	WVZ502	GRANT	WVZ048
WESTERN MINERAL	WVZ503	MINERAL	WVZ049
EASTERN MINERAL	WVZ504	MINERAL	WVZ049

TABLE 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES:

	AWIPS/	WMO ID
PRODUCT NAME	NWWS ID	FOR FOS
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	LWXZFPLWX	FPUS51 KLWX
POINT FORECAST MATRICES	LWXPFMLWX	FOUS51 KLWX
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	LWXFWFLWX	FNUS51 KLWX
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	LWXHWOLWX	FLUS41 KLWX
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	LWXFFALWX	WGUS61 KLWX
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	LWXNPWLWX	WWUS71 KLWX
WINTER STORM ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	LWXWSWLWX	WWUS41 KLWX
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	LWXSPSLWX	WWUS81 KLWX
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	LWXCEMLWX	WOUS41 KLWX
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	LWXPNSLWX	NOUS41 KLWX
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	LWXNOWLWX	FPUS71 KLWX
RED FLAG WARNING	LWXRFWLWX	WWUS81 KLWX

ALTHOUGH THIS NOTIFICATION IS LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 120 DAYS AS SPECIFIED BY NWS INSTRUCTION /NWSI/ 10-1805...THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LWX ZONE BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH LOCAL PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS TO BE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON NOVEMBER 15 2006.

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

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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

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