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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-17  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
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SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF FIRE WEATHER ZONE GEOGRAPHIC  
DESCRIPTIONS...NUMBERS AND NAMES FOR THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO AND  
MONTEREY BAY AREAS OF CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE APRIL 15 2008

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...APRIL 15 2008 AT 500 A.M. PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME  
/PDT/...1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE  
ITS CURRENT FIRE WEATHER ZONES FOR THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY  
BAY REGIONS OF CALIFORNIA /WFO MTR/. THE ZONES WILL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY  
IDENTICAL TO ITS PUBLIC ZONES. THIS RECONFIGURATION WILL HELP PROVIDE  
BETTER SERVICE BY AFFORDING FORECASTERS THE FLEXIBILITY TO SEPARATE AND  
HIGHLIGHT SMALLER ZONES TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT ONGOING AND PREDICTED  
FIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ALL WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER ZONE DESCRIPTIONS...NUMBERS AND NAMES WILL CHANGE  
TO BECOME IDENTICAL WITH MTR PUBLIC ZONE DESCRIPTIONS...NUMBERS AND NAMES.

TABLE 1: NEW WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND NAMES EFFECTIVE APRIL  
15 2008. PLEASE NOTE...THESE FIRE WEATHER ZONES ARE IDENTICAL IN ZONE  
NUMBER...NAME AND DESCRIPTION TO WFO MTR PUBLIC ZONES.

NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBER -----	NEW FIRE WEATHER ZONE NAME -----
CAZ505	COASTAL NORTH BAY...INCLUDING POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE
CAZ506	NORTH BAY INTERIOR VALLEYS
CAZ507	NORTH BAY MOUNTAINS
CAZ006	SAN FRANCISCO
CAZ508	SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE
CAZ509	SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA COAST
CAZ510	EAST BAY INTERIOR VALLEYS
CAZ511	EAST BAY HILLS AND THE DIABLO RANGE
CAZ512	SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS
CAZ513	SANTA CLARA VALLEY...INCLUDING SAN JOSE
CAZ516	SOUTHERN SALINAS VALLEY...ARROYO SECO AND LAKE SAN ANTONIO

CAZ517 SANTA LUCIA MOUNTAINS AND LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST  
 CAZ518 MOUNTAINS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY AND INTERIOR MONTEREY  
 COUNTY...INCLUDING PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT

CAZ529 NORTHERN MONTEREY BAY  
 CAZ530 SOUTHERN MONTEREY BAY AND BIG SUR COAST  
 CAZ528 NORTHERN SALINAS VALLEY...HOLLISTER VALLEY AND  
 CARMEL VALLEY

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE OF THE RECONFIGURED FIRE WEATHER ZONES IS  
 AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm)

GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE RECONFIGURED ZONES CAN BE FOUND IN SERVICE  
 CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 07-57...RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES AND  
 ZONE NUMBERS FOR THE GREATER MONTEREY BAY AREA OF CALIFORNIA: EFFECTIVE  
 APRIL 1 2008... AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN07-  
 57 CALIF ZONE CHANGE.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn07-57_calif_zone_change.pdf)

AND SCN 05-22...RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES FOR THE GREATER  
 SAN FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY BAY AREAS OF CALIFORNIA...EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20  
 2005 AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN05-22ZONE CHANGE CA.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn05-22zone_change_ca.pdf)

WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE ZONE CHANGES ARE SHOWN IN  
 TABLE 2 BELOW.

TABLE 2: WFO MTR FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY FIRE WEATHER ZONE  
 RECONFIGURATION.

FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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FIRE WEATHER PLANNING FORECAST	FPUS56 KMTR	FWFMTR
RED FLAG WARNING/FIRE WEATHER WATCH	WWUS86 KMTR	RFBMTR

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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