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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-39 AMENDED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
340 PM EDT MON SEP 15 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:  
-FAMILY OF SERVICES  
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE  
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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: AMENDED: CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARIES OF SOME OF THE FIRE AND PUBLIC  
WEATHER ZONES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CA: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16 2008

AMENDED TO POSTPONE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM SEPTEMBER 9 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 16  
2008.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 2008 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN OXNARD CA /LOX/ WILL  
SPLIT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY VALLEYS ZONE CURRENTLY USED FOR FIRE AND  
PUBLIC WEATHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES INTO TWO NEW ZONES. THE ORIGINAL  
EFFECTIVE DATE WAS POSTPONED DUE TO CRITICAL WEATHER DAY RESTRICTIONS ON  
SEPTEMBER 9. NO OTHER CHANGES WERE MADE TO THIS NOTICE.

IN ADDITION...MINOR CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COASTAL  
ZONE AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS RECREATIONAL ZONE. THE PURPOSE OF  
THESE CHANGES IS TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR WFO LOX FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER  
PARTNERS AND USERS BY BETTER ASSOCIATING ZONE AREAS WITH WEATHER REGIMES.

THE SPLIT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY VALLEYS ZONE /CURRENTLY FIRE ZONE  
CAZ247/PUBLIC ZONE CAZ047/ WILL SEPARATE THE SAN GABRIEL AND SAN FERNANDO  
VALLEYS INTO TWO NEW ZONES /FIRE AND PUBLIC ZONES CAZ547 AND FIRE AND  
PUBLIC ZONES CAZ548/. THE SPLIT WILL BE ALONG A NORTH-SOUTH LINE FROM  
NEAR GRIFFITH PARK AT INTERSTATE 5 /I-5/...EXTENDING NORTH TO THE SAN  
RAFAEL HILLS TO THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. SINCE THE NEW FIRE ZONES AND  
PUBLIC ZONES WILL BE IDENTICAL IN ZONE NAME AND ZONE GEOGRAPHY...THE SAME  
ZONE NUMBERS WILL BE USED FOR EACH CORRESPONDING FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE. FOR  
EXAMPLE...CA FIRE ZONE 547 AND CA PUBLIC ZONE 547 WILL BE IDENTICAL IN  
ZONE NAME...NUMBER AND GEOGRAPHY.

ONCE THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED...LOX WILL USE THE FOLLOWING  
GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTORS IN ALL ITS FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST  
PRODUCTS:

FIRE ZONE/PUBLIC ZONE NUMBER	ZONE DESCRIPTOR
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FIRE CAZ547/PUBLIC CAZ547	LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: REPRESENTS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS ZONE EXTENDS FROM THE COUNTY LINE ON THE WEST...ON THE NORTH BY THE 2000 FOOT TERRAIN CONTOUR...ON THE SOUTH BY THE 1500 FOOT TERRAIN CONTOUR BETWEEN THE VENTURA COUNTY LINE AND I-405 AND EASTWARD ALONG MULHOLLAND DRIVE TO THE 101 FREEWAY THEN CONTINUING SOUTHEAST TO HIGHWAY 2...THEN NORTH TO HIGHWAY 134...CONTINUING EAST ON HIGHWAY 134 TO JUST WEST OF EAGLE ROCK...THEN NORTHWARD ALONG THE RIDGELINE OF THE SAN RAFAEL HILLS TO NEAR THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY AT THE BASE OF THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST.

FIRE CAZ548/PUBLIC CAZ548	LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: REPRESENTS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS ZONE IS DEFINED ON THE NORTH BY THE 2000 FOOT TERRAIN CONTOUR...ON THE WEST BY A NORTH-SOUTH LINE FOLLOWING THE RIDGELINE OF THE SAN RAFAEL HILLS FROM NEAR THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY TO HIGHWAY 134 NEAR EAGLE ROCK...CONTINUING WEST ACROSS HIGHWAY 134 TO HIGHWAY 2...FOLLOWING HIGHWAY 2 SOUTH TO HIGHWAY 101...CONTINUING AROUND THE PERIMETER OF ELYSIAN PARK TO I-5...ON THE SOUTH ALONG I-5...AND ON THE EAST BY THE COUNTY LINE.

FIRE CAZ241/PUBLIC CAZ041	LOS ANGELES COUNTY COAST INCLUDING DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: REPRESENTS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COASTAL AREA. DEFINED ON THE WEST BY THE VENTURA COUNTY LINE THEN EAST ALONG THE 500 FOOT TERRAIN CONTOUR TO I-405...THEN NORTH TO MULHOLLAND DRIVE CONTINUING EASTWARD TO THE 101 FREEWAY...THEN SOUTHEAST TO HIGHWAY 2...CONTINUING WEST AND SOUTH AROUND THE PERIMETER OF ELYSIAN PARK TO THE 110 FREEWAY...THEN NORTHEAST TO I-5...CONTINUING SOUTH FOLLOWING I-5 TO THE COUNTY LINE...ON THE SOUTH BY THE COUNTY LINE...ON THE SOUTH AND WEST BY THE COAST.

FIRE CAZ246/PUBLIC CAZ046	SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS RECREATIONAL AREA
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: REPRESENTS THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS RECREATIONAL AREA. DEFINED ON THE NORTH BY THE 1500 FOOT TERRAIN CONTOUR...ON THE WEST BY THE COUNTY LINE...ON THE SOUTH BY THE 500 FOOT TERRAIN CONTOUR...ON THE EAST BY I-405.

WFO LOX PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/LOX\\_ZONE.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/notification/resources/lox_zone.pdf)

NWS PARTNERS AND USERS WILL NEED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO THEIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THESE ZONE CHANGES.

SHAPEFILES OF THE NEW FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER ZONES FOR THE NWS OXNARD WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE ARE 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)

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM)

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

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