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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-58
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
945 AM EST MON NOV 3 2008

TO: SUBSCRIBERS:
-FAMILY OF SERVICES
-NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE
-EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK
-NOAAPORT
OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GRASSLAND FIRE DANGER INDEX PRODUCT/SERVICE
ISSUED BY THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ AT WICHITA KANSAS...EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 9 2008

EFFECTIVE 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 9
2008...THE WFO AT WICHITA KANSAS WILL BEGIN ISSUING THE GRASSLAND FIRE
DANGER INDEX /GFDI/ ON AN OPERATIONAL BASIS. A GFDI WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
EACH COUNTY IN THE WICHITA COUNTY WARNING AREA /CWA/. THE GFDI FORECAST
WILL BE ISSUED ONCE PER DAY DURING THE FIRE WEATHER SEASON AS BOTH A
TABULAR AND GRAPHIC PRODUCT.

THE GFDI VALUES ARE DESCRIPTIVE TERMS /LOW...MODERATE...HIGH...VERY
HIGH...EXTREME/ THAT CORRESPOND TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT FIRES WILL GET OUT
OF CONTROL.

THE TABULAR PRODUCT /ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM
/AWIPS/ ID RFDICT/ CONSISTS OF GFDI FORECASTS EVERY THREE HOURS OUT TO SIX
DAYS FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE CWA.

PERTINENT PERSONNEL/OFFICES/AGENCIES WILL NEED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING
IDENTIFIER TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE THIS NWS PRODUCT:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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RANGELAND FIRE DANGER FORECAST	FNUS63 KICT	RFDICT

THE GRAPHIC PRODUCT IS COLOR CODED TO SIGNIFY THE DESCRIPTIVE TERMS...AND
THE TIME RESOLUTION IS EVERY SIX HOURS OUT TO SIX DAYS. THE GRAPHICAL
PRODUCT IS ONLY FOR THE WFO WICHITA CWA.

THE GFDI GRAPHIC PRODUCT IS AVAILABLE VIA WFO WICHITA HOMEPAGE AT /USE
LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.CRH.NOAA.GOV/ICT](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ict)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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