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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-42 AMENDED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 230 PM EDT WED SEP 30 2009

- 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: AMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE TO OCTOBER 5 2009. ADJUSTMENT OF CURRENT PUBLIC FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARIES IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL WYOMING FOR WFO RIVERTON WYOMING EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5 2009

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS DELAYED UNTIL MONDAY OCTOBER 5 2009 AT 200 PM MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME /MDT/...2000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...DUE TO ONGOING WEATHER IN THE WFO RIVERTON WY AREA OF FORECAST RESPONSIBILITY.

THE ORIGINAL NOTICE IS BELOW FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. THERE ARE NO OTHER CHANGES.

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY...OCTOBER 1 2009 AT 200 PM MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME /MDT/...2000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN RIVERTON WYOMING /RIW/ WILL RECONFIGURE SIX PUBLIC FORECAST ZONE BOUNDARIES IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL WYOMING.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THESE CHANGES IS TO PROPERLY ALIGN WFO RIW PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES WITH THOSE OF WFO CHEYENNE WYOMING /CYS/. A SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE WFO CYS CHANGES IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN09-43AAA CYS ZONES.PDF

IN ADDITION...TWO MINOR CHANGES WERE MADE TO BETTER ACCOUNT FOR TOPOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES NEAR TOGWOTEE PASS AND SOUTH PASS.

THESE CHANGES ARE MINOR...DO NOT AFFECT ANY CLIMATE VERIFICATION POINTS AND DO NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE CLIMATOLOGY OF THE RECONFIGURED PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES.

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS OR ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIERS WITH THESE CHANGES. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED FOR CONTINUED RECEIPT OF PRODUCTS FROM RIW.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE RECONFIGURED ZONES IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

RECONFIGURED PUBLIC ZONE BOUNDARIES FOR WFO RIW PARTNERS AND USERS AFFECT THE FOLLOWING ZONES IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL WYOMING:

ZONE NAME	UGC/Z/ZONE CODE
TETON AND GROS VENTRE RANGES	WYZ012
WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS WEST	WYZ014
WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS EAST	WYZ015
GREEN MOUNTAINS AND RATTLESNAKE RANGE	WYZ019
NATRONA COUNTY LOWER ELEVATIONS	WYZ020
CASPER MOUNTAIN	WYZ022

A GRAPHICAL DEPICTION OF THE RECONFIGURED WFO RIW PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/RIW ZONES.JPG

THE FOLLOWING KEY PRODUCTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE FOR WFO RIW PARTNERS AND USERS:

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST	FPUS55 KRIW	ZFPRIW
NON-PRECIPITATION ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS75 KRIW	NPWRIW
WINTER STORM ADVSY/WATCH/WARNING	WWUS45 KRIW	WSWRIW
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS85 KRIW	SPSRIW
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	WWUS55 KRIW	SVSRIW
SHORT-TERM FORECAST	FPUS75 KRIW	NOWRIW
FLOOD WARNING	WGUS45 KRIW	FLWRIW
FLOOD WATCH	WGUS65 KRIW	FFARIW
FLOOD STATEMENT	WGUS85 KRIW	FLSRIW

WFO RIW PRODUCTS USED FOR TORNADO...SEVERE THUNDERSTORM...FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS AND NON-WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE UNCHANGED SINCE THOSE PRODUCTS USE THE COUNTY /C/ FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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