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SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES IN SOUTHEAST ARIZONA:  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15 2010

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY OCTOBER 15 2010 AT 12 NOON MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME /MST/  
OR 1900 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE  
/WFO/ IN TUCSON ARIZONA /TWC/ WILL RECONFIGURE ITS PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES  
FOR AREAS IN SOUTHEAST ARIZONA.

THESE CHANGES WILL RECONFIGURE AND RENAME ALL EIGHT CURRENT PUBLIC  
FORECAST ZONES IN SOUTHEAST ARIZONA...REPLACING THEM WITH 15 NEW PUBLIC  
FORECAST ZONES. THESE CHANGES WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC FORECAST AND WARNING  
PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BY BETTER ACCOUNTING FOR CLIMATOLOGICAL AND  
TOPOGRAPHIC DIFFERENCES.

CURRENT WFO TWC PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES AZZ019 AND AZZ029 THROUGH AZZ035  
WILL BE REPLACED BY NEW ZONES AZZ501 THROUGH AZZ515. A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
NEW ZONES FOLLOWS IN TABLE 1. NOTE THIS CHANGE DOES NOT AFFECT CURRENT  
WFO TWC FIRE WEATHER ZONES.

TABLE 1. NEW WFO TWC AZ PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES:

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ501. ZONE NAME - WESTERN PIMA COUNTY.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE INCLUDES AJO AND ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL  
MONUMENT AND IS SIMILAR TO CURRENT AZZ030.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ502. ZONE NAME - TOHONO O ODHAM NATION.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE IS SIMILAR TO CURRENT AZZ031 BUT ENCOMPASSES  
THE ENTIRE TOHONO O ODHAM NATION WITHIN PIMA AND PINAL COUNTIES BELOW 4000  
FEET AND INCLUDES THE CITY OF SELLS.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ503. ZONE NAME - UPPER SANTA CRUZ RIVER AND ALTAR  
VALLEYS.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE INCLUDES MUCH OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY...CURRENT  
AZZ032...BUT ALSO INCLUDES SMALL PORTIONS OF PIMA AND COCHISE COUNTIES.  
THIS ZONE INCLUDES THE CITY OF NOGALES AND OTHER ELEVATIONS BELOW 5000  
FEET SOUTH OF THE TUCSON METRO AREA. A NUMBER OF SMALL SKY ISLANDS JUST  
ABOVE 5000 FEET...REPRESENTING PEAKS OF THE SIERRITA AND ATASCOSA

MOUNTAINS...ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ504. ZONE NAME - TUCSON METRO AREA.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE IS SIMILAR TO CURRENT AZZ033 BUT ONLY  
INCLUDES ELEVATIONS BELOW 5000 FEET. THIS ZONE INCLUDES TUCSON...GREEN  
VALLEY...MARANA AND VAIL.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ505. ZONE NAME - SOUTH CENTRAL PINAL COUNTY.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE INCLUDES THE LOWLANDS BELOW 2500 FEET WHICH  
GENERALLY BORDER INTERSTATE 10 IN SOUTHERN PINAL COUNTY AND INCLUDES ELOY  
AND PICACHO PEAK STATE PARK.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ506. ZONE NAME - SOUTHEAST PINAL COUNTY.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONSISTS OF THE EASTERN HALF OF CURRENT  
AZZ029. IT INCLUDES ELEVATIONS BETWEEN 2500 AND 5000 FEET AS WELL AS  
LOWER ELEVATIONS SUCH AS THE LOWER SAN PEDRO RIVER VALLEY IN SOUTHEAST  
PINAL COUNTY. THIS ZONE INCLUDES KEARNY...MAMMOTH AND ORACLE.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ507. ZONE NAME - UPPER SAN PEDRO RIVER VALLEY.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE PRIMARILY CONTAINS THE WESTERN THIRD OF  
COCHISE COUNTY BELOW 5000 FEET BUT CONTAINS SMALL ADJACENT SECTIONS OF  
GRAHAM...PIMA AND SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES. THIS ZONE INCLUDES THE CITIES OF  
SIERRA VISTA...BENSON AND TOMBSTONE...AS WELL AS KARTCHNER CAVERNS STATE  
PARK.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ508. ZONE NAME - EASTERN COCHISE COUNTY BELOW 5000 FEET.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONTAINS THE EASTERN TWO THIRDS OF COCHISE  
COUNTY BELOW 5000 FEET...INCLUDING THE SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY...THE SAN  
SIMON VALLEY AND THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY. THE INTERSTATE 10 CORRIDOR  
THROUGH TEXAS CANYON IS ALSO INCLUDED. SMALL SKY ISLANDS JUST ABOVE 5000  
FEET...REPRESENTING PEAKS OF THE PELONCILLO MOUNTAINS OF NORTHEAST COCHISE  
COUNTY...ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS ZONE. THIS ZONE CONTAINS THE CITIES OF  
DOUGLAS AND WILLCOX.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ509. ZONE NAME - UPPER GILA RIVER AND ARAVAIPA VALLEYS.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONSISTS OF NEARLY ALL OF GRAHAM AND GREENLEE  
COUNTIES BELOW 5000 FEET...EXCEPT FOR THOSE AREAS OF EXTREME SOUTHWEST  
GRAHAM COUNTY SOUTHWEST OF THE GALIURO MOUNTAINS. A NUMBER OF SMALL SKY  
ISLANDS JUST ABOVE 5000 FEET...REPRESENTING PEAKS OF THE PELONCILLO AND  
WHITLOCK MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHEAST GRAHAM AND SOUTHERN GREENLEE COUNTIES...  
ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS ZONE. THIS ZONE CONTAINS THE CITIES OF CLIFTON  
AND SAFFORD.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ510. ZONE NAME - WHITE MOUNTAINS OF GRAHAM AND GREENLEE  
COUNTIES.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONTAINS THE CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF NORTHEAST  
GRAHAM AND NORTHERN GREENLEE COUNTIES ABOVE 5000 FEET. THIS ZONE INCLUDES  
HANNAGAN MEADOW.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ511. ZONE NAME - GALIURO AND PINALENO MOUNTAINS.  
ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONSISTS OF NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS ABOVE 5000  
FEET INCLUDING THE GALIURO...PINALENO...SANTA TERESA AND WINCHESTER  
MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHWEST GRAHAM AND EXTREME NORTHWEST COCHISE COUNTIES.  
THIS ZONE INCLUDES MOUNT GRAHAM.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ512. ZONE NAME - CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS.  
 ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONTAINS NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS ABOVE 5000 FEET IN SOUTHEAST COCHISE COUNTY. IT PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF THE CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS BUT ALSO INCLUDES SMALLER MOUNTAIN RANGES SUCH AS THE DOS CABEZAS...PEDRAGOSAS...SWISSHELMS AND THE SECTION OF THE PELONCILLOS NEAR THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER. THIS ZONE INCLUDES THE CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ513. ZONE NAME - DRAGOON/MULE/HUACHUCA AND SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS.  
 ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONSISTS OF NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS ABOVE 5000 FEET... INCLUDING THE DRAGOON...LITTLE DRAGOON...MULE...HUACHUCA...PATAGONIA...SANTA RITA AND WHETSTONE MOUNTAINS OF WESTERN COCHISE COUNTY AND ADJACENT SECTIONS OF SOUTHEAST PIMA AND SOUTHEAST SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES. THIS ZONE INCLUDES THE CITY OF BISBEE ALONG WITH CANELO HILLS AND MADERA CANYON.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ514. ZONE NAME - SANTA CATALINA AND RINCON MOUNTAINS.  
 ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONSISTS OF NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS ABOVE 5000 FEET INCLUDING THE SANTA CATALINA AND RINCON MOUNTAINS OF NORTHEAST PIMA AND EXTREME SOUTHEAST PINAL COUNTIES. THIS ZONE INCLUDES MOUNT LEMMON AND SUMMERHAVEN.

ZONE NUMBER - AZZ515. ZONE NAME - BABOQUIVARI MOUNTAINS.  
 ZONE DESCRIPTION - THIS ZONE CONSISTS OF CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF THE TOHONO O ODHAM NATION ABOVE 4000 FEET INCLUDING THE BABOQUIVARI MOUNTAINS. THIS ZONE INCLUDES KITT PEAK.

A MAP DEPICTING THE RECONFIGURED PUBLIC ZONES IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

TABLE 2. WFO TWC PUBLIC WEATHER PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES:

| PRODUCT NAME                 | WMO HEADING | AWIPS ID |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| -----                        | -----       | -----    |
| SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT    | WWUS85 KTCW | SPSTWC   |
| ZONE FORECAST                | FPUS55 KTCW | ZFPTWC   |
| SHORT TERM FORECAST          | FPUS75 KTCW | NOWTWC   |
| HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK    | FLUS45 KTCW | HWOTWC   |
| WINTER WEATHER PRODUCTS      | WWUS45 KTCW | WSWTWC   |
| NON PRECIPITATION PRODUCTS   | WWUS75 KTCW | NPWTWC   |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT | NOUS45 KTCW | PNSTWC   |
| FLOOD WATCH                  | WGUS65 KTCW | FFATWC   |
| TABULAR STATE FORECAST       | FPUS65 KTCW | SFTTWC   |

PARTNERS AND USERS MUST REPROGRAM AFFECTED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO CONTINUE CORRECTLY PROCESSING PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS RECONFIGURATION. THESE CHANGES ONLY AFFECT PRODUCTS THAT USE THE ZONE FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ AND DO NOT AFFECT PRODUCTS THAT USE THE COUNTY FORM OF UGC.

UPDATED PUBLIC ZONE SHAPEFILES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm)

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