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Subject: Implementation of Improved Fire and Public Weather Coverage for Mississippi and Southeast Louisiana: Effective May 31, 2011

Effective Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at 100 pm Central Daylight Time (CDT), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in New Orleans/Baton Rouge Louisiana (LIX) will reconfigure its current fire and public weather forecast zones for Tangipahoa (LAZ038) Parish in southeast Louisiana. This reconfiguration will provide better forecast services by splitting Tangipahoa Parish into two separate fire and public weather forecast zones for climatological, geographical and meteorological effects.

The fire and public weather forecast zones for Tangipahoa Parish will be split in half to form Northern Tangipahoa (LAZ071) and Southern Tangipahoa (LAZ072). This split will account for tropical and coastal issues that do not impact Northern Tangipahoa Parish and winter weather issues that do not affect Southern Tangipahoa Parish.

The fire and public zone changes require to take appropriate action to receive the new zone products using the Universal Geographic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 1.

Table 1. New Fire and Public Zone Configuration Identifiers

New Fire/Public Zone Name	UGC (Z)	Existing Fire/Public Zone Name	UGC (Z)
Northern Tangipahoa	LAZ071	Tangipahoa	LAZ038
Southern Tangipahoa	LAZ072	Tangipahoa	LAZ038

More detail regarding this change (including greater detail regarding why these fire and public zone changes are being made), graphical depictions of the current and new fire and public zones, and a table of WFO LIX affected products are available online at:

www.srh.weather.gov/LIX/?n=tangipahoa_breakup

Updated fire and public weather forecast zone shapefiles are available online at:

www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm and
www.weather.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm

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