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Subject: Corrected: Changes in Fire Weather Forecast Zone for Puerto Rico (PR) and the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI): Effective August 6, 2015

Corrected Date to August 6, 2015.

Effective Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 800 AM Atlantic Standard Time (AST), 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in San Juan, PR (SJU), will split fire weather forecast zone PRZ014, South Coastal Plain and Mona Island, into two zones:

Zone Code	New Zone Name
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PRZ014	Southeast Coastal Plains (includes the Aguirre State Forest and Camp Santiago)
PRZ027	Southwest Coastal Plains and Mona Island (includes the Guanica State Forest, Boqueron State Forest, the Cabo Rojo and Cartagena Lagoon National Wildlife Refuges, Boqueron Bird Sanctuary, and the Mona Island Nature Reserve in PR)

This change has been requested by and coordinated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) International Institute of Tropical Forestry, Puerto Rico Fire Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other fire weather partners and users in PR and the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI).

WFO SJU Fire weather products affected by this change:

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Planning Forecast	FNCA52 TJSJ	FWFSJU
Fire Weather Watch/Red Flag Warning	WWCA82 TJSJ	RFWSJU
Rangeland/Grassland Fire Danger Statement	FNCA52 TJSJ	RFDSJU

Additional information regarding this fire weather forecast zone change is online at:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sju/?n=firezonechanges>

Partners and users of WFO SJU fire weather products will need to update their system(s) to continue receiving correct fire weather forecasts/products.

An updated fire weather zone map shapefile is online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/firezone.htm>

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