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Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for NWS Weather Forecast Office
(WFO) Phoenix, AZ: Effective April 4, 2017

Effective Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 1000 AM Pacific Standard Time, 1100 AM Mountain Standard Time, 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS WFO in Phoenix, Arizona (WFO PSR) will change all public forecast zone names and boundaries. Upon implementation of this change, all public forecasts and related products will use the zone numbers and names shown below.

The zone changes will improve services by allowing more fine-tuned warnings and advisories for hazards such as dust, fog, and winter weather and reflect changes in transportation and population growth throughout the area.

The new zone numbers and names are listed below:

WFO Phoenix Public Weather Forecast Zones:

Zone Number	Zone Name
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AZ530	Parker Valley
AZ531	Kofa
AZ532	Yuma
AZ533	Central La Paz
AZ534	Aguila Valley
AZ535	Southeast Yuma County
AZ536	Gila River Valley
AZ537	Northwest Valley
AZ538	Tonopah Desert
AZ539	Gila Bend
AZ540	Buckeye/Avondale
AZ541	Cave Creek/New River
AZ542	Deer Valley
AZ543	Central Phoenix
AZ544	North Phoenix/Glendale
AZ545	New River Mesa
AZ546	Scottsdale/Paradise Valley

AZ547	Rio Verde/Salt River
AZ548	East Valley
AZ549	Fountain Hills/East Mesa
AZ550	South Mountain/Ahwatukee
AZ551	Southeast Valley/Queen Creek
AZ552	Superior
AZ553	Northwest Pinal County
AZ554	West Pinal County
AZ555	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon
AZ556	Tonto Basin
AZ557	Mazatzal Mountains
AZ558	Pinal/Superstition Mountains
AZ559	Sonoran Desert National Monument
AZ560	San Carlos
AZ561	Dripping Springs
AZ562	Globe/Miami
AZ563	Southeast Gila County
CA560	Joshua Tree National Park (NP) West
CA561	Joshua Tree NP East
CA562	Imperial County Southwest
CA563	Salton Sea
CA564	Chuckwalla Mountains
CA565	Imperial County Southeast
CA566	Imperial County West
CA567	Imperial Valley
CA568	Chiriaco Summit
CA569	Palo Verde Valley
CA570	Chuckwalla Valley

These zones will be replacing existing zones:

Zone Number	Zone Name
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AZ027	Southwest Maricopa County
AZ023	Greater Phoenix Area
AZ022	Northwest Maricopa County
AZ020	Lower Colorado River Valley, AZ
AZ021	West Central Deserts
AZ028	Northwest and North Central Pinal County
AZ025	Yuma/Martinez Lake and Vicinity
CA032	Riverside County/Eastern Deserts
CA033	Imperial County
AZ024	Southern Gila/Tonto National Forest (NF) Foothills
AZ026	Southwest Deserts
CA030	Joshua Tree National Park
CA031	Lower Colorado River Valley, CA

The zone changes are described at the following two links:

Updated public zone shapefiles are online at:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm>

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/zones/psr-zones04-17.html>

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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