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Subject: Updated: Changes in Fire and Public Zones for NWS Weather  
Forecast Office Jacksonville, FL, St. Johns and Flagler Counties:  
Effective May 1, 2018

Updated the effective date of these public and fire zone changes to May 1,  
2018.

Effective Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 200 PM EDT, 1800 Coordinated Universal  
Time (UTC), the St. Johns and Flagler County public and fire weather  
forecast zones for NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Jacksonville (JAX),  
FL, will be split into two zones, a coastal zone and an inland zone.

The coastal-inland split will be along Interstate 95 through both St.  
Johns and Flagler Counties. These changes are intended to provide  
increased flexibility and improved accuracy of forecast and various  
watches, warnings and advisories in the public and fire weather programs.

The Fire and Public Zone changes require partners and users to take  
appropriate action to receive the new zone products using the Universal  
Geographic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table 2.

Table 1: Current Affected WFO JAX Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones

Current Fire/Public Zone Name	Current UGC (Z)
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St. Johns	FLZ033
Flagler	FLZ038

Table 2: New WFO JAX Affected Coastal and Inland Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones

New Fire/Public Zone Name	New UGC (Z)
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Inland St. Johns	FLZ033
Coastal St. Johns	FLZ133
Inland Flagler	FLZ038
Coastal Flagler	FLZ138

Table 3: WFO Jacksonville Products Affected by the Changes in Coastal Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS82 KJAX	HLSJAX
Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	WTNT81 KNHC	TCVAT1-5
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS42 KJAX	CFWJAX
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS52 KJAX	SRFJAX
Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS52 KJAX	FWFJAX
Fire Weather Message	WWUS82 KJAX	RFWJAX
Fire Danger Statement	FNUS62 KJAX	RFDJAX
Zone Forecast	FPUS52 KJAX	ZFPJAX
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS52 KJAX	PFMJAX
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS62 KJAX	SFTJAX
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
Public Information Statement	NOUS42 KJAX	PNSJAX
Non-Precipitation Warnings	WWUS72 KJAX	NPWJAX
Flood Watch	WGUS62 KJAX	FFAJAX
Special Weather Statement	WWUS82 KJAX	SPSJAX
Winter Weather Message	WWUS42 KJAX	WSWJAX
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS62 KJAX	AFDJAX
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS72 KJAX	ESFJAX

Partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments and names. These changes do not affect products using county (C) UGC.

Updated public and fire zone maps are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones>  
<https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones>

Graphical depiction of WFO JAX's current and new Fire and Public Weather Forecast Zones are at the following website:

<http://www.weather.gov/media/jax/pdf/nws-jax-stjohns+flagler-forecast-zone-changes.pdf>

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