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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
230 PM EDT MON JUN 1 1997

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC FORECAST ZONES IN WASHINGTON  
STATE...EFFECTIVE JULY 1 1997

THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST AREAS IN WASHINGTON STATE ON  
JULY 1 1997...AT 1100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...4 A.M. PDT...5  
A.M. MST. THIS RECONFIGURATION WILL HELP PROVIDE BETTER SITE-SPECIFIC  
FORECASTS BY AFFORDING FORECASTERS THE NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO GROUP NEW  
SMALLER ZONES TOGETHER OR SEPARATE THEM OUT TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT  
ONGOING AND PREDICTED WEATHER.

TABLE 1 LISTS THE NEW ZONES. A ZONE WILL BE NAMED EITHER BY COUNTY OR  
COUNTIES OR OTHER RECOGNIZABLE GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

MANY PRODUCTS ISSUED /NOT JUST ZONE FORECASTS/ WILL BE AFFECTED BY THESE  
ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE Z /ZONE/ FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL  
GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ USED IN THESE PRODUCTS CONTAIN ZONE NUMBERS TO  
FURTHER IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS BY ZONE WITHIN THE STATE. THE CATEGORIES  
OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS THAT USE THE Z FORM OF THE UGC ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2  
WITH THEIR NWS AND FOS IDENTIFIERS. USERS WHO SELECT INFORMATION FOR  
SPECIFIC ZONES WILL NEED TO USE THE CORRECT UGCS FOR THE RECONFIGURED  
ZONES.

TABLE 1. NEW ZONES EFFECTIVE JULY 1 1997 AT 1100 UTC.

| UGC Z   | WASHINGTON ZONE NAME                     |
|---------|--|
| -----   | -----                                    |
| WAZ002- | WESTERN WHATCOM                          |
| WAZ003- | NORTHERN CASCADE FOOTHILLS               |
| WAZ004- | CENTRAL CASCADES FOOTHILLS               |
| WAZ011- | SOUTHWEST INTERIOR                       |
| WAZ017- | WEST SLOPES NORTHERN CASCADES AND PASSES |
| WAZ018- | WEST SLOPES CENTRAL CASCADES AND PASSES  |
| WAZ019- | WEST SLOPES SOUTHERN CASCADES AND PASSES |
| WAZ022- | LOWER COLUMBIA                           |
| WAZ024- | EAST COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE                |
| WAZ027- | YAKIMA VALLEY                            |
| WAZ028- | LOWER COLUMBIA BASIN                     |

THE FOLLOWING ZONE WILL DELETED AT THE SAME TIME:

WAZ020- SOUTHWEST INTERIOR

TABLE 2. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY ZONE RECONFIGURATION.

A. PRODUCTS ISSUED BY ZONE FROM THE WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE /WSFO/ IN SEATTLE /SEA/ WASHINGTON.

| PRODUCT<br>-----                        | NWWS<br>---- | WMO/FOS IDS<br>----- |
|---|--------------|----------------------|
| ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT                   | SEAZFPWA     | FPUS5 KSEA           |
| WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY   | SEAWSWSEA    | WWUS46 KSEA          |
| NON-PRECIPIATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY | SEANPWSEA    | WWUS45 KSEA          |
| FLASH FLOOD WATCH                       | SEAFFASEA    | RWUS31 KSEA          |
| STATE FORECAST PRODUCT                  | SEASFPWA     | FPUS1 KSEA           |
| SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT               | SEASPSSEA    | WWUS35 KSEA          |
| FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT                   | SEAFFSSEA    | RWUS32 KSEA          |
| STATE WEATHER ROUNDUP                   | SEASWRWA     | ASUS56 KSEA          |

B. OTHER PRODUCTS ISSUED BY ZONE FROM EITHER WSFO SEA...WSFO PORTLAND /PDX/ OREGON OR THE WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE /WSO/ IN PENDLETON /PDT/...OREGON...DEPENDING ON THE COUNTY WARNING AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY /SEE NOTES +++++/

| PRODUCT<br>-----             | NWWS<br>---- | WMO/FOS<br>----- |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT     | ---SVS---    | WWUS34 K---      |
| SHORT TERM FORECAST          | ---NOW---    | FPUS75 K---      |
| SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT    | ---SPS---    | WWUS35 K---      |
| FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT        | ---FFS---    | RWUS32 K---      |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT | ---PNS---    | ABUS34 K---      |
| CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE      | ---CEM---    | MMUS40 K---      |
| LOCAL STORM REPORT           | ---LSR---    | WWUS30 K---      |

| ++++<br>-----           | NWWS     | WMO/FOS<br>-----     |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| WA ZONES 2 3 4 11 17 18 | WSFO SEA | SEA---SEA ----- KSEA |
| WA ZONES 19 22          | WSFO PDX | PDX---PDX ----- KPDX |
| WA ZONES 24 27 28       | WSO PDT  | PDX---PDT ----- KPDT |

THESE ZONE CHANGES UPDATE PAGES A-121 AND 122 OF NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL CHAPTER C-11...ZONE AND LOCAL FORECASTS...APPENDIX A - ZONE FORECAST MAPS. UPDATED ZONE MAPS CAN BE DOWNLOADED OFF THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MODERNIZE/ST-MAPS/MAPS.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/modernize/st-maps/maps.htm)

HARD COPIES OF ZONE MAPS CAN BE REQUESTED FROM:

NWS/HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES /OM12/  
SILVER SPRING MARYLAND  
PHONE: 301-713-1726 X 149 OR X 109

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...CONTACT:

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE  
SEATTLE WASHINGTON  
PHONE: 206-526-6095

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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