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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
145 PM EDT FRI MAY 23 1997

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

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
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SUBJECT: REALIGNMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN TWO ZONES IN WEST  
TEXAS...EFFECTIVE JULY 1 1997

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...JULY 1 1997 AT 3:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME...4:00  
A.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME...0900 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/  
RESPECTIVELY...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL REALIGN TWO ZONES IN WEST  
TEXAS SO THAT THE CULBERSON/HUDSPETH COUNTY LINE WILL BE THE BOUNDARY  
BETWEEN TEXAS ZONES 56 AND 57. THE NAMES OF THE ZONES WILL ALSO CHANGE AS  
INDICATED IN TABLE 1 BELOW.

TABLE 1. ZONE CHANGES: UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ GIVEN.

ZONE UGC	ZONE NAME
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TXZ056-	HUDSPETH
TXZ057-	VAN HORN/GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS AREA

THIS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO BETTER COORDINATE SERVICES BETWEEN THE  
WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE /WSO/ AT MIDLAND TX /MAF/ AND THE WSO AT EL PASO TX  
/ELP/.

MANY PRODUCTS FOR THESE AREAS /NOT JUST ZONE FORECASTS/ WILL BE AFFECTED  
BY THIS REALIGNMENT. THIS IS BECAUSE THE Z /ZONE/ FORM OF THE UGC USED IN  
THESE PRODUCTS CONTAIN THE ZONE NUMBERS TO FURTHER IDENTIFY SPECIFIC  
AREAS. THE CATEGORIES OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS THAT USE THE Z FORM OF THE UGC  
ARE LISTED IN TABLE 2 WITH THEIR NWWS AND FOS IDENTIFIERS.

FOR HOLDERS OF NWS OPERATIONS MANUAL CHAPTER C-11...ZONE AND LOCAL  
FORECASTS...APPENDIX A - ZONE FORECAST MAPS...THIS UPDATES PAGES A-71 AND  
A-72.

TABLE 2. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY ZONE REALIGNMENT

PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WSO ELP	AFOS/NWWS ID	WMO HEADER FOR FOS FOR TXZ056-
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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	LBBSPSELP	WWUS35 KELP
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	LBBSVSELP	WWUS34 KELP
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	LBBCEMELP	MMUS40 KELP
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	LBPNSELP	ABUS34 KELP

SHORT-TERM FORECAST	LBBNOWELP	FXUS21 KEPZ
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	LBBFFSELP	RWUS32 KELP
LOCAL STORM REPORT	LBBLSRELP	WWUS30 KELP
WINTER STORM WATCHES/ WARNINGS/ADVISORIES	LBBWSWELP	WWUS46 KELP
NON-PRECIPITATION WATCHES/ WARNINGS/ADVISORIES	LBBNPWELP	WWUS45 KELP

PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WSO MAF	AFOS/NWWS ID	WMO HEADER FOR FOS FOR TXZ057-
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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	LBBSPSMAF	WWUS35 KMAF
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	LBBSVSMAF	WWUS34 KMAF
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE	LBBCEMAF	MMUS40 KMAF
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	LBBPNSMAF	ABUS34 KMAF
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PRODUCTS ISSUED BY THE LUBBOCK NWS FORECAST OFFICE FOR BOTH ZONES	AFOS/NWWS ID	WMO HEADER FOR FOS
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WEST TEXAS ZONE FORECAST	LBBZFPTX	FPUS54 KLUB
WINTER STORM WATCHES/ WARNINGS/ADVISORIES	LBBWSWLBB	WWUS46 KLBB
NON-PRECIPITATION WATCHES/ WARNINGS/ADVISORIES	LBBNPWLBB	WWUS45 KLBB
FLASH FLOOD STATEMENT	LBBFFSLBB	RWUS32 KLBB
FLASH FLOOD WATCH	LBBFFALBB	RWUS31 KLBB

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

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STATE ZONE MAPS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE FOLLOWING /USE LOWER CASE/:

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

FOR A HARD COPY OF THE WEST TEXAS ZONE MAP...CALL OR CONTACT:

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
SILVER SPRING MARYLAND  
301-713-1726 EXT. 149 OR 109

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

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