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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 99-94 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS SILVER SPRING MD 930 AM EDT THU SEP 30 1999

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICE /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE CHIEF...INTEGRATED HYDROMETEOROLOGY SERVICES

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY TO NWS JACKSONVILLE FL...EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15 1999

EFFECTIVE MONDAY...NOVEMBER 15 1999 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...700 AM EST...SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS...INCLUDING FIRE WEATHER WATCHES AND RED FLAG WARNINGS...FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NWS OFFICE AT JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA. THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA: HAMILTON...SUWANEE...COLUMBIA...GILCHRIST...BAKER...UNION...BRADFORD... ALACHUA...MARION...NASSAU...DUVAL...CLAY...ST JOHNS...PUTNAM AND FLAGLER

IN SOUTHEAST GEORGIA: JEFFERSON DAVIS...APPLING...COFFEE...BACON...ATKINSON...CLINCH...ECHOLS... WAYNE...PIERCE...WARE... BRANTLEY...CHARLETON...GLYNN AND CAMDEN

THE SERVICE TRANSFER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE NWS MODERNIZATION EFFORT AND WILL ENABLE THE JACKSONVILLE NWS OFFICE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS INCREASED TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES...THEREBY PROVIDING AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF FIRE WEATHER SERVICE FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA...SOUTHEAST GEORGIA AND THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:

OSCEOLA NATIONAL FOREST OCALA NATIONAL FOREST OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

CUSTOMERS OF NWS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THESE LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS SHOULD NOTE THAT...COINCIDENT WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE JACKSONVILLE NWS OFFICE...ALL PRODUCTS WILL BE ISSUED UNDER NEW PRODUCT IDENTIFIERS. THE IDENTIFIERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ID	WMO HEADER	PRODUCT
MIAFWFJAX	FNUS52 KJAX	ROUTINE FIRE WEATHER FORECAST
MIAFWLJAX	FNUS82 KJAX	LAND MANAGEMENT FORECAST
MIAFWMJAX	FNUS82 KJAX	MISCELLANEOUS FIRE WEATHER PRODUCT
MIAFWNJAX	SHUS82 KJAX	FIRE WEATHER NOTIFICATION MESSAGE
MIAFWOJAX	SHUS62 KJAX	FIRE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
MIAFWSJAX	FNUS72 KJAX	FIRE WEATHER SUPPRESSION FORECAST
MIARFDJAX	FNUS62 KJAX	RANGELAND FIRE DANGER FORECAST
MIARFWJAX	WWUS82 KJAX	RED FLAG WARNING
MIASMFJAX	FNUS72 KJAX	SMOKE MANAGEMENT WEATHER FORECAST

THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE BASED ON SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BOTH FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.

PLEASE NOTE...SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FAMILY OF SERVICES (FOS) AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK (EMWIN) MUST TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF THESE NEW PRODUCTS.

TO REPEAT...THE NWS OFFICE IN JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA WILL ASSUME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION AND ISSUANCE OF FIRE WEATHER PRODUCTS FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA BEGINNING MONDAY...NOVEMBER 15 1999 AT 1200 UTC...700 AM EST.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SERVICE TRANSFER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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