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From: Mary Mullusky, Chief
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Subject: Updated: Changes to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for
WFO Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA: Effective March 8, 2023

Updated to change the website link for the graphical depiction of the
service change.

On or about Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time
(PST), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast
Office in Oxnard, CA (LOX) will complete changes to the Public and Fire
Weather Forecast Zones for areas of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.
After this change, all forecasts and related products will use the new
zone numbers and names shown in Table 2 below.

If March 8, 2023 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation
will be postponed to March 9, 2023 at 2100 UTC.

These changes are intended to provide increased flexibility and improved
accuracy of forecast, watch, warning and advisory products in the public
and fire weather programs. The changes will optimize issuance of hazard
products for conditions that vary significantly between coasts, valleys
and mountains of southwest California.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGCs): Current Public/Fire Zone
Forecast Name

CAZ053/CAZ253: Ventura County Mountains
CAZ054/CAZ254: Los Angeles County Mountains
CAZ059/CAZ259: Antelope Valley
CAZ359/CAZ359: Southeastern Ventura County Valleys
CAZ363/CAZ363: Santa Monica Mountains
CAZ364/CAZ364: Los Angeles County Beaches
CAZ365/CAZ365: Los Angeles County Inland Coast Including Downtown Los
 Angeles
CAZ547/CAZ547: Los Angeles County San Fernando Valley

Table 2: UGC: New Public/Fire Zone Forecast Name

CAZ366/CAZ366: Los Angeles County Beaches

CAZ367/CAZ367: Palos Verdes Hills
 CAZ368/CAZ368: Los Angeles County Inland Coast including Downtown Los Angeles
 CAZ369/CAZ369: Western Santa Monica Mountains
 CAZ370/CAZ370: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
 CAZ371/CAZ371: Calabasas and Agoura Hills
 CAZ372/CAZ372: Western San Fernando Valley
 CAZ373/CAZ373: Eastern San Fernando Valley
 CAZ374/CAZ374: Southeastern Ventura County Valleys
 CAZ375/CAZ375: Santa Susana Mountains
 CAZ376/CAZ376: Southern Ventura County Mountains
 CAZ377/CAZ377: Northern Ventura County Mountains
 CAZ378/CAZ378: Northwestern Los Angeles County Mountains including the Interstate 5 Corridor
 CAZ379/CAZ379: Western San Gabriel Mountains including the Highway 14 Corridor
 CAZ380/CAZ380: Eastern San Gabriel Mountains
 CAZ381/CAZ381: Western Antelope Valley Foothills
 CAZ382/CAZ382: Eastern Antelope Valley Foothills
 CAZ383/CAZ383: Antelope Valley

Table 3: NWS WFO Los Angeles, CA Products Affected by these Public/Fire Zone Changes

| Product Name ----- | WMO Heading ----- | AWIPS ID ----- |
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| Hurricane Local Statement | WTUS86 KLOX | HLSLOX |
| Coastal Hazard Message | WHUS46 KLOX | CFWLOX |
| Surf Zone Forecast | FZUS56 KLOX | SRFLOX |
| Fire Weather Forecast | FNUS56 KLOX | FWFLOX |
| Fire Weather Message | WWUS86 KLOX | RFWLOX |
| Zone Forecast Product | FPUS56 KLOX | ZFPLOX |
| Point Forecast Matrices | FOUS56 KLOX | PFMLOX |
| Tabular State Forecast | FPUS66 KLOX | SFTLOX |
| Public Information Statement | NOUS46 KLOX | PNSLOX |
| Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/Advisory | WWUS76 KLOX | NPWLOX |
| Flood Watch | WGUS66 KLOX | FFALOX |
| Special Weather Statement | WWUS86 KLOX | SPSLOX |
| Winter Weather Message | WWUS46 KLOX | WSWLOX |
| Area Forecast Discussion | FXUS66 KLOX | AFDLOX |
| Air Quality Alert | AEUS76 KLOX | AQALOX |

NWS partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGCs and new zone alignments and names.

Final shapefiles for public and fire weather forecast zones are available online at:

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

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

https://www.weather.gov/media/lox/zone_change_phase2.pdf

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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