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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-76
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1215 PM EST MON DEC 29 2003

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: GLENN AUSTIN
ACTING CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS TO REPLACE PUBLIC ZONE NUMBERS IN FIRE
WEATHER FORECAST PRODUCTS...EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 26 2004

ON FEBRUARY 26 2004 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...ALL
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WILL BEGIN ISSUING THE
FIRE WEATHER PRE-SUPPRESSION FORECAST /FWF/ AND RED FLAG WARNING /RFW/
WITH FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS INSTEAD OF PUBLIC WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS IN
THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/.

SHAPEFILES FOR THE FIRE WEATHER ZONES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT THE
FOLLOWING WEBSITE /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata)

A LIST OF FIRE WEATHER ZONE NUMBERS AND GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTORS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE ANNUAL FIRE WEATHER OPERATING PLANS AVAILABLE AT YOUR
LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

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