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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-47  
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SUBJECT: NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN DULUTH MINNESOTA WILL BEGIN  
ISSUING SURF ZONE FORECASTS WITH RIP CURRENT INFORMATION: EFFECTIVE  
FRIDAY AUGUST 1 2008

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY AUGUST 1 2008 AT 1300 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME  
/UTC/...OR 0900 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME /EDT/...OR 0800 CENTRAL  
DAYLIGHT TIME /CDT/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN  
DULUTH MINNESOTA WILL BEGIN ISSUING SURF ZONES FORECASTS /SRF/ WITH  
RIP CURRENT INFORMATION.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED IN NWS  
POLICY /NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL  
ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS APPROVED BECAUSE WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE  
ACTIVE BEACH SEASON AND IT IS CRITICAL TO GET THIS INFORMATION TO  
NWS CUSTOMERS...INCLUDING PARK AND RECREATION STAFF...AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

REFER ALSO TO NWS INSTRUCTION 10-310 FOR STANDARD PROCEDURE  
GOVERNING SURF ZONE FORECASTS AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01003010CURR.PDF](https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01003010curr.pdf)

THE SURF ZONE IS THE AREA OF WATER BETWEEN THE HIGH WATER /OR TIDE/  
LEVEL ON THE BEACH AND THE SEAWARD SIDE OF BREAKING WAVES. THE SRF  
HAS BEEN ISSUED BY SELECT COASTAL WFOS SINCE 2002. WFO DULUTH WILL  
BE THE FIRST GREAT LAKES WFO TO ISSUE THE SURF ZONE FORECAST.

TABLE 1 BELOW LISTS THE COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE  
FORECAST /SRF/ ISSUED BY WFO DULUTH. TABLE 2 LISTS THE  
COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE FORECASTS...CONTAINING  
RIP CURRENT INFORMATION...THAT OTHER GREAT LAKES WFOS MAY ELECT TO  
BEGIN ISSUING IN SPRING 2009.

TABLE 1: COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE FORECAST /SRF/  
ISSUED BY WFO DULUTH: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 2008

ISSUING WFO -----	WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
DULUTH MN	FZUS53 KDLH	SRFDLH

CUSTOMERS ARE ADVISED TO REPROGRAM THEIR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS NEW SURF ZONE FORECAST ON AUGUST 1 2008.

TABLE 2: COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE FORECAST /SRF/  
FOR OTHER GREAT LAKES WFOS THAT MAY ELECT TO BEGIN ISSUING THE SRF  
IN SPRING 2009

ISSUING WFO -----	WMO HEADING -----	AWIPS ID -----
GRAND RAPIDS MI	FZUS53 KGRR	SRFGRR
NORTHERN INDIANA	FZUS53 KIWX	SRFIWX
CHICAGO IL	FZUS53 KLOT	SRFLOT

CUSTOMERS DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME FOR THE IDENTIFIERS LISTED IN TABLE 2. WHEN THE ABOVE WFOS ELECT TO ISSUE THE SURF ZONE FORECAST...THE NWS WILL ISSUE SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ANNOUNCING THE NEW PRODUCTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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