SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-53
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1125 AM EST TUE DEC 8 2009

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          CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVED FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER ZONE COVERAGE
FOR THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE AND BIG BEND COUNTIES OF THE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2010

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY...APRIL 1 2010 AT 0400 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME
/EDT/...0800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...SEVERAL FIRE AND PUBLIC
WEATHER FORECAST ZONES WITHIN THE NWS TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA /TAE/ WEATHER
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE CHANGED TO BETTER
ACCOUNT FOR CLIMATOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY.

INLAND WALTON /FLZ007/ BECOMES NORTH WALTON /FLZ007/. THIS IS A NAME
CHANGE ONLY. NO CHANGE IS BEING MADE TO THE GEOGRAPHIC EXTENTS OF THE
ZONE.

THE REMAINING CHANGES SPLIT COASTAL PORTIONS OF COUNTIES OUT INTO SEPARATE
ZONES BASED UPON CLIMATOLOGY. THESE NEW COASTAL ZONES ARE ASSIGNED NEW
ZONE NAMES AND NUMBERS. THE REMAINING NON-COASTAL PORTIONS OF COUNTIES
RETAIN THEIR CLIMATOLOGY AND THEIR ZONE NUMBERS BUT ARE RENAMED TO BETTER
IDENTIFY THEIR GEOGRAPHIC EXTENTS.

COASTAL WALTON /FLZ008/ BECOMES CENTRAL WALTON /FLZ008/ AND SOUTH WALTON
/FLZ108/.

BAY /FLZ012/ BECOMES INLAND BAY /FLZ012/ AND COASTAL BAY /FLZ112/.

GULF /FLZ014/ BECOMES INLAND GULF /FLZ014/ AND COASTAL GULF FLZ114/.

FRANKLIN /FLZ015/ BECOMES INLAND FRANKLIN /FLZ015/ AND COASTAL FRANKLIN
/FLZ115/.

WAKULLA /FLZ027/ BECOMES INLAND WAKULLA /FLZ027/ AND COASTAL WAKULLA
/FLZ127/.

JEFFERSON /FLZ018/ BECOMES INLAND JEFFERSON /FLZ018/ AND COASTAL JEFFERSON
/FLZ118/.

TAYLOR /FLZ028/ BECOMES INLAND TAYLOR /FLZ028/ AND COASTAL TAYLOR
/FLZ128/.

DIXIE /FLZ034/ BECOMES INLAND DIXIE /FLZ034/ AND COASTAL DIXIE
/FLZ134/.

TABLE 1. NEW FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER ZONE /Z/ FORM OF THE UNIVERSAL
GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/ AND NAMES FOR WFO TAE USERS:

NEW FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	NEW UGC /Z/	OLD FIRE/PUBLIC ZONE NAME	OLD UGC /Z/
NORTH WALTON	FLZ007	INLAND WALTON	FLZ007
CENTRAL WALTON	FLZ008	COASTAL WALTON	FLZ008
SOUTH WALTON	FLZ108	N/A	N/A
INLAND BAY	FLZ012	BAY	FLZ012
COASTAL BAY	FLZ112	N/A	N/A
INLAND GULF	FLZ014	GULF	FLZ014
COASTAL GULF	FLZ114	N/A	N/A
INLAND FRANKLIN	FLZ015	FRANKLIN	FLZ015
COASTAL FRANKLIN	FLZ115	N/A	N/A
INLAND WAKULLA	FLZ027	WAKULLA	FLZ027
COASTAL WAKULLA	FLZ127	N/A	N/A
INLAND JEFFERSON	FLZ018	JEFFERSON	FLZ018
COASTAL JEFFERSON	FLZ118	N/A	N/A
INLAND TAYLOR	FLZ028	TAYLOR	FLZ028
COASTAL TAYLOR	FLZ128	N/A	N/A
INLAND DIXIE	FLZ034	DIXIE	FLZ034
COASTAL DIXIE	FLZ134	N/A	N/A

UPDATED FIRE AND PUBLIC ZONE MAPS ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM AND
HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/FIREZONE.HTM

A GRAPHICAL DEPICTION OF WFO TAE/S NEW FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER FORECAST
ZONES IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/RESOURCES/FLZONES.JPG

ALL FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER PRODUCTS FROM WFO TAE THAT USE THE UGC /Z/ ARE
AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES. PARTNERS AND USERS SHOULD TAKE THE APPROPRIATE
ACTION TO ENSURE SYSTEM/S/ RECOGNIZE THE NEW UGC AND NEW ZONE ALIGNMENTS.
THESE CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT PRODUCTS USING COUNTY /C/ UGC.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED BY NWS POLICY
/NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE SHORTER ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS NECESSITATED
BY SOFTWARE ISSUES PREPARING THE SHAPEFILES AND WAS APPROVED BECAUSE
CURRENT USERS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS TO
ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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