

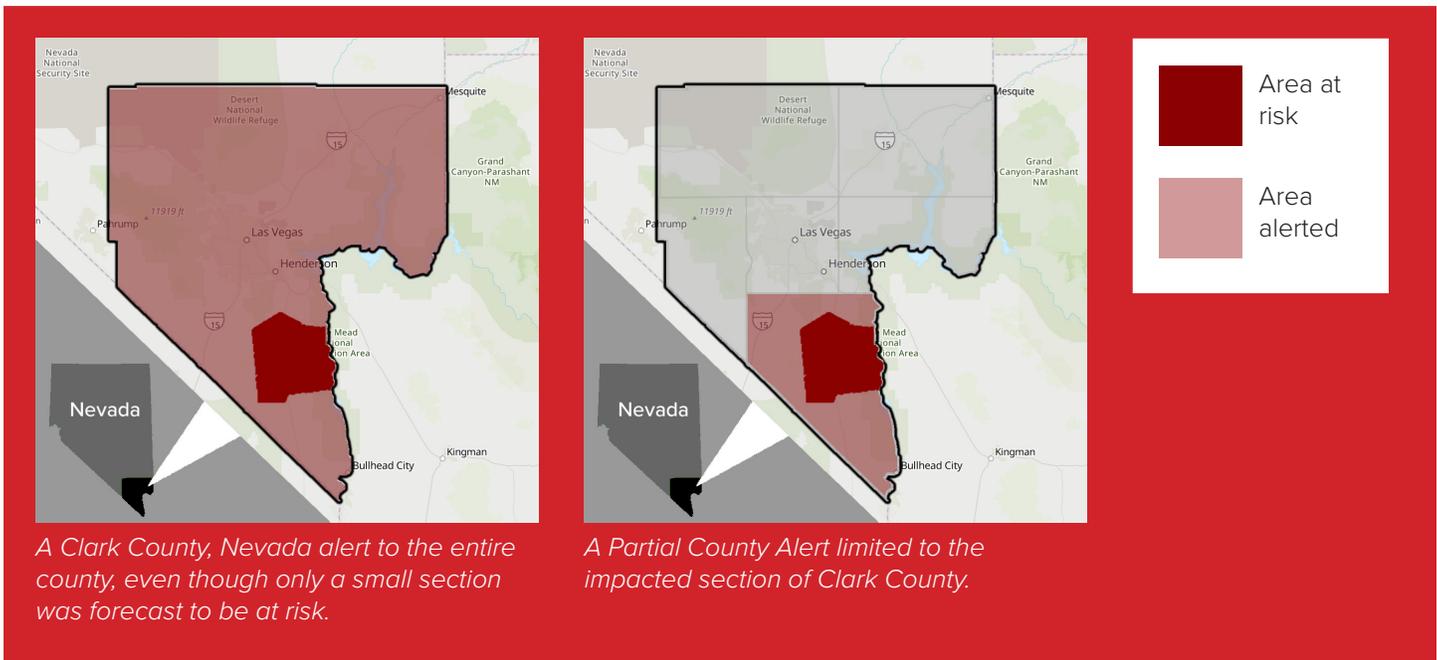
National Weather Service Partial County Alerting



What is Partial County Alerting (PCA)?

Partial County Alerting creates more geographically-precise weather alerts, which means the alerts you receive are relevant to your area. In simple terms, it means fewer interruptions by TV and radio broadcasters to the shows you watch or listen to on stations which convey National Weather Service (NWS) warnings via the Emergency Alert System (EAS). It also means you will receive fewer warnings from most NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) receivers.

Without PCA, the entire county is alerted by EAS and NWR, even if only a small part of the area is likely to be impacted by a weather warning.



The NWS, broadcasters and local officials coordinate together to split a county into parts, thus better targeting the EAS and NWR alerts to the impacted area.

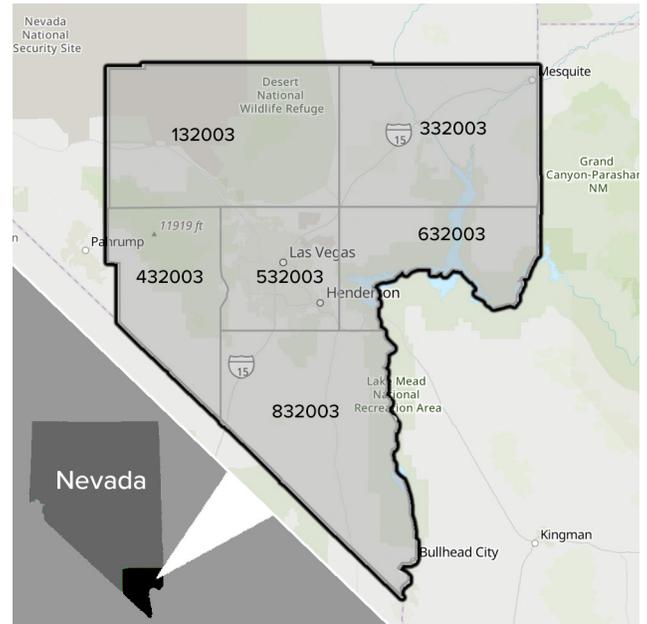
Users with NWR receivers equipped with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) can program their radios with a 6-digit location code to receive alerts for the specific part of a county they live and/or work in.



NWS protects the public by sending weather warnings via the NWR network which reaches 97 percent of the US population. Offices using PCA target warnings to county partitions using a specific, 6-digit SAME code assigned to each partition.

The change reduces unnecessary alerts to those who would likely be unaffected by the storm. Likewise, your local TV station or media provider can use the information to make more informed decisions on when to interrupt regular programming.

For more information, visit weather.gov/pca.



The Clark County, Nevada partitions and corresponding SAME codes.

