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Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones of Northwest
 California effective June 16, 2016

Effective Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 1000 AM Pacific Daylight Time, 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Eureka, CA, (WFO EKA) will implement new public forecast zones for Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino counties. Upon implementation of this change, all public forecasts and related products will use the new zone numbers and names shown below.

The zone changes are designed to improve watch, warning, and advisory area specification and simplify the wording within the zone forecast product.

Table 1: New WFO EKA Public Weather Forecast Zone Numbers and Names effective June 16, 2016

Zone Number	Zone Name
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CAZ101	Coastal Del Norte
CAZ102	Del Norte Interior
CAZ103	Northern Humboldt Coast
CAZ104	Southwestern Humboldt
CAZ105	Northern Humboldt Interior
CAZ106	Southern Humboldt Interior
CAZ107	Northern Trinity
CAZ108	Southern Trinity
CAZ109	Mendocino Coast
CAZ110	Northwestern Mendocino Interior
CAZ111	Northeastern Mendocino Interior
CAZ112	Southwestern Mendocino Interior
CAZ113	Southeastern Mendocino Interior

Table 2: Old WFO EKA Public Weather Forecast Zones: not used after June 16, 2016

CAZ001	Redwood Coast
CAZ002	Mendocino Coast
CAZ003	North Coast Interior
CAZ004	Upper Trinity River
CAZ076	Mendocino Interior

A detailed description of the new WFO EKA public weather forecast zones is online at:

www.nws.noaa.gov/os/public/zone/eka-zone3-16.docx

An updated public zone shapefiles is online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm>

Table 3: WFO EKA text products affected by this change

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hazardous Weather Outlook	FLUS46 KEKA	HWOEKA
Air Quality Alert	AEUS76 KEKA	AQAEKA
Public Information Statement	NOUS46 KEKA	PNSEKA
Flood Watch	WGUS66 KEKA	FFAEKA
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS76 KEKA	ESFEKA
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS46 KEKA	CFWEKA
Zone Forecast	FPUS56 KEKA	ZFPEKA
Short Term Forecast	FPUS76 KEKA	NOWEKA
Tsunami Message	WEPA41 PAAQ	TSUWCA
Non Precipitation Warning	WWUS76 KEKA	NPWEKA
Winter Storm Warning	WWUS46 KEKA	WSWEKA

This change affects Public Weather Forecast Zones using UGC-Z coding only. No Fire Weather Forecast Zones or UGC-C changes are being made. Partners and users may need to update their system(s) to continue receiving public weathers forecasts for these new zones.

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