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Subject:      Updated: Implementing improved public and fire zone  
              coverage for the coastal counties along the middle  
              Texas Coast Effective May 1, 2018.

Updated to correct zone names in Tables 1 and 2

Effective Tuesday May 1, 2018, at 100 PM Central Daylight Time (CDT), 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS will realign coastal public and fire zones within the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Corpus Christi area of responsibility along the middle Texas Coast. The changes involves the following public zones:

In total, 6 current zones will be converted into 15 separate zones. These new zones are divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly within the coastal environment.

TXZ242 (Kleberg County) will be divided into 3 segments: Kleberg Islands (TXZ442), Coastal Kleberg (TXZ342) and Inland Kleberg (TXZ242).

TXZ243 (Nueces County) will be divided into 3 segments: Nueces Islands (TXZ443), Coastal Nueces (TXZ343) and Inland Nueces (TXZ243).

TXZ244 (San Patricio County) will be divided into 2 segments: Coastal San Patricio (TXZ344) and Inland San Patricio (TXZ244).

TXZ245 (Aransas County) will be divided into 2 segments: Aransas Islands (TXZ345) and Coastal Aransas (TXZ245).

TXZ246 (Refugio County) will be divided into 2 segments: Coastal Refugio (TXZ346) and Inland Refugio (TXZ246).

TXZ247 (Calhoun County) will be divided into 3 segments: Calhoun Islands (TXZ447), Coastal Calhoun (TXZ347) and Inland Calhoun (TXZ247).

Table 1: Current coastal public and fire zones and corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGC) for WFO Corpus Christi, TX

UGC: Current Public/Fire Zone Name

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TXZ242: Kleberg  
TXZ243: Nueces  
TXZ244: San Patricio  
TXZ245: Aransas  
TXZ246: Refugio  
TXZ247: Calhoun

Table 2: Public/Fire Zones and corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGC) for which WFO Corpus Christi, TX will issue forecasts and warnings effective May 1, 2018

UGC: New Public/Fire Zone Name

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TXZ242: Inland Kleberg  
TXZ342: Coastal Kleberg  
TXZ442: Kleberg Islands  
  
TXZ243: Inland Nueces  
TXZ343: Coastal Nueces  
TXZ443: Nueces Islands  
  
TXZ244: Inland San Patricio  
TXZ344: Coastal San Patricio  
  
TXZ245: Coastal Aransas  
TXZ345: Aransas Islands  
  
TXZ246: Inland Refugio  
TXZ346: Coastal Refugio  
  
TXZ247: Inland Calhoun  
TXZ347: Coastal Calhoun  
TXZ447: Calhoun Islands

Table 3: Primary cities included in the new public/fire zones effective May 1, 2018

UGC: Primary cities within New Zones

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TXZ242: Kingsville, Loyola Beach, Ricardo, Riviera  
TXZ342: None  
TXZ442: None  
  
TXZ243: Corpus Christi, Robstown, Bishop  
TXZ343: Corpus Christi, Flour Bluff  
TXZ443: Port Aransas  
  
TXZ244: Mathis, Sinton, St.Paul, Taft, Tynan  
TXZ344: Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Portland  
  
TXZ245: Fulton, Rockport  
TXZ345: None

TXZ246: Refugio, Woodsboro  
TXZ346: Bayside, Austwell

TXZ247: Kamay, Long Mott  
TXZ347: Seadrift, Port Lavaca  
TXZ447: None

Graphical images of the current and future public and fire weather zones listed above are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/crp/CRPZoneChanges>

Table 4: NWS products affected by the WFO Corpus Christi TX public and fire zone changes effective May 1, 2018:

PRODUCT NAME	AWIPS ID	WMO HEADING
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COASTAL FLOOD WARNING	CFWCRP	WHUS44 KCRP
NON PRECIPITATION WARNING	NPWCRP	WWUS74 KCRP
FIRE WEATHER MESSAGE	RFWCRP	WWUS84 KCRP
WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE	WSWCRP	WWUS44 KCRP
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	HWOCRP	FLUS44 KCRP
AREA FORECAST MATRICES	AFMCRP	FOUS54 KCRP
FIRE WEATHER FORECAST	FWFCRP	FNUS54 KCRP
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOWCRP	FPUS74 KCRP
FIRE DANGER STATEMENT	RFDCRP	FNUS64 KCRP
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	SPSCRP	WWUS84 KCRP
ZONE FORECAST	ZFPCRP	FPUS54 KCRP

Users of WFOs Corpus Christi products must reprogram affected hardware and software to continue correctly processing the above mentioned products.

Users accessing NWS graphical forecasts must download updated zone map shapefiles to correctly view forecasts for coastal South Texas. Updated zone map shapefiles containing the new public and fire zones are available online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones>

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/FireZones>

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