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From:         Kimberly McMahon, Acting Chief  
              Severe, Fire, Public and Winter Weather Services Branch

Subject: Changes to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for Weather  
Forecast Office Los Angeles/Oxnard, CA: Effective March 22, 2022

On or about Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 100 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Oxnard, CA (LOX) will change the Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones encompassing San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties in southwest California. After this change, all public and fire forecasts and related products will use the new zone numbers and names shown below.

If March 22, 2022 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 29, 2022.

These changes are intended to provide increased flexibility and improved accuracy of forecast, watch, warning and advisory products in the public and fire weather programs. The changes will optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly between coasts, valleys, and mountains of southwest California.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Code (UGC): Current Public/Fire Zone  
Forecast Name

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CAZ034/CAZ234: San Luis Obispo County Central Coast  
CAZ035/CAZ235: Santa Barbara County Central Coast  
CAZ036/CAZ236: Santa Ynez Valley  
CAZ037/CAZ237: San Luis Obispo County Interior Valley  
CAZ039/CAZ239: Santa Barbara County South Coast  
CAZ040/CAZ240: Ventura County Coast  
CAZ041/CAZ241: Los Angeles County Coast including Downtown Los Angeles  
CAZ044/CAZ244: Ventura County Interior Valleys  
CAZ045/CAZ245: Ventura County Coastal Valleys  
CAZ046/CAZ246: Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area  
CAZ051/CAZ251: San Luis Obispo County Mountains  
CAZ052/CAZ252: Santa Barbara County Mountains

Table 2: UGC: New Public/Fire Zone Forecast Name

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CAZ340/CAZ340: San Luis Obispo County Beaches
CAZ341/CAZ341: San Luis Obispo County Inland Central Coast
CAZ342/CAZ342: Santa Lucia Mountains
CAZ343/CAZ343: Southern Salinas Valley
CAZ344/CAZ344: San Luis Obispo County Interior Valleys
CAZ345/CAZ345: San Luis Obispo County Mountains
CAZ346/CAZ346: Santa Barbara County Central Coast Beaches
CAZ347/CAZ347: Santa Barbara County Inland Central Coast
CAZ348/CAZ348: Santa Ynez Valley
CAZ349/CAZ349: Santa Barbara County Southwestern Coast
CAZ350/CAZ350: Santa Barbara County Southeastern Coast
CAZ351/CAZ351: Santa Ynez Mountains Western Range
CAZ352/CAZ352: Santa Ynez Mountains Eastern Range
CAZ353/CAZ353: Santa Barbara County Interior Mountains
CAZ354/CAZ354: Ventura County Beaches
CAZ355/CAZ355: Ventura County Inland Coast
CAZ356/CAZ356: Lake Casitas
CAZ357/CAZ357: Ojai Valley
CAZ358/CAZ358: Central Ventura County Valleys
CAZ359/CAZ359: Southeastern Ventura County Valleys
CAZ362/CAZ362: Malibu Coast
CAZ363/CAZ363: Santa Monica Mountains
CAZ364/CAZ364: Los Angeles County Beaches
CAZ365/CAZ365: Los Angeles County Inland Coast Including Downtown Los
                Angeles
    
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Table 3: UGC: Change in Existing Public/Fire Zone Forecast Name

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CAZ054/CAZ254: Los Angeles County Mountains excluding the Santa Monica
Range will be renamed to: Los Angeles County Mountains
    
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Table 4: NWS Products Affected by these Public/Fire Zone Changes

AWIPS ID	WMO Heading	Product Name
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HLSLOX	WTUS86 KLAX	Hurricane Local Statement
CFWLOX	WHUS46 KLAX	Coastal Hazard Message
SRFLOX	FZUS56 KLAX	Surf Zone Forecast
FWFLOX	FNUS56 KLAX	Fire Weather Forecast
RFWLOX	WWUS86 KLAX	Fire Weather Message
ZFPLOX	FPUS56 KLAX	Zone Forecast
PFMLOX	FOUS56 KLAX	Point Forecast Matrices
SFTLOX	FPUS66 KLAX	Tabular State Forecast
PNSLOX	NOUS46 KLAX	Public Information Statement
NPWLOX	WWUS76 KLAX	Non-Precipitation Statement
FFALOX	WGUS66 KLAX	Flood Watch
SPSLOX	WWUS86 KLAX	Special Weather Statement
WSWLOX	WWUS46 KLAX	Winter Weather Message
AFDLOX	FXUS66 KLAX	Area Forecast Discussion

NWS partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments and names.

Updated public zone shapefiles are online at:

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

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/lox/statements/Mar2022\\_PublicFire\\_LOX\\_Justification.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/lox/statements/Mar2022_PublicFire_LOX_Justification.pdf)

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