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Service Change Notice 21-05 Updated
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From: Michelle Hawkins, Chief
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Subject: Updated: Changes in Fire and Public Zones for NWS Weather
Forecast Office Jacksonville, FL, for Clay, Duval and Putnam
Counties in Florida: Effective March 30, 2021

Updated to correct Universal Geographic Code (UGC) for new forecast
zones of Eastern Clay, Western Clay, Eastern Putnam and Western
Putnam.

On or about March 30, 2021 at 200 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT),
1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), three county public and fire
weather forecast zones for NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO)
Jacksonville (JAX), FL, will be adjusted into different zones.

If March 30, 2021 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this
implementation will be postponed to April 1, 2021.

The Clay County forecast zone in Florida, will be divided to create
eastern and western Clay County Zones.

Inland Duval County forecast zone will be split to create a new
Western Duval Zone, South Central Duval Zone and Trout River Zone.

Putnam County forecast zone will be divided to create eastern and
western Putnam County Zones.

These changes are intended to provide increased flexibility and
improved accuracy of forecast, watches, warnings and advisories in
the public and fire weather programs and will lead to better service
during tropical and coastal flooding events.

The Fire and Public Zone changes require partners and users to take
appropriate action to receive the new Zone products using the
Universal Geographic Code (UGC) zone code format (Z) listed in Table
2.

Table 1: Current UGC: Current Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones Name

 FLZ025: Inland Duval
 FLZ032: Clay
 FLZ037: Putnam

Table 2: New UGC: New Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones Name

 FLZ225: Trout River
 FLZ325: South Central Duval
 FLZ425: Western Duval
 FLZ132: Eastern Clay
 FLZ232: Western Clay
 FLZ137: Eastern Putnam
 FLZ237: Western Putnam

Table 3: NWS Products Affected by the Changes in Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS82 KJAX	HLSJAX
Tropical Cyclone Watch/Warning	WTNT81 KNHC	TCVAT1-5
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS42 KJAX	CFWJAX
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS52 KJAX	SRFJAX
Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS52 KJAX	FWFJAX
Fire Weather Message	WWUS82 KJAX	RFWJAX
Fire Danger Statement	FNUS62 KJAX	RFDJAX
Zone Forecast Product	FPUS52 KJAX	ZFPJAX
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS52 KJAX	PFMJAX
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS62 KJAX	SFTJAX
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
Public Information Statement	NOUS42 KJAX	PNSJAX
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/Advisory	WWUS72 KJAX	NPWJAX
Flood Watch	WGUS62 KJAX	FFAJAX
Special Weather Statement	WWUS82 KJAX	SPSJAX
Winter Weather Watch/Warning/Advisory	WWUS42 KJAX	WSWJAX
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS62 KJAX	AFDJAX
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS72 KJAX	ESFJAX

Partners and users should take the appropriate action to ensure systems recognize the new UGC (Z) and new zone alignments and names. These changes do not affect products using county (C) UGC.

Updated fire and public zone maps are online at:

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

A graphical depiction of WFO JAXs new Fire and Public Weather Forecast Zones are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/jax/ZoneSplit2021>

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