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From:       Daniel Roman, Acting Chief  
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Subject: Updated: Changes to Public and Fire Forecast Zones for WFO  
Northern Indiana: Effective September 13, 2022

Updated zone change implementation date from September 7, 2022 to  
September 13, 2022.

Effective Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Northern Indiana (IWX) will complete changes to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones encompassing Berrien county in southwest Michigan and La Porte, St. Joseph and Kosciusko counties in northern Indiana. After this change, all public and fire weather forecasts and related products will use the new zone numbers and names shown below.

If September 13, 2022 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to September 14, 2022 at 2000 UTC.

Four current zones will be subdivided into eight separate zones. 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.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Public/Fire Zone  
Forecast Names

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MIZ077: Berrien County  
INZ003: La Porte County  
INZ004: St. Joseph County  
INZ016: Kosciusko County

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

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MIZ177: Northern Berrien County  
MIZ277: Southern Berrien County  
INZ103: Northern La Porte County  
INZ203: Southern La Porte County  
INZ104: Eastern St. Joseph County  
INZ204: Western St. Joseph County

INZ116: Northern Kosciusko County  
INZ216: Southern Kosciusko County

Table 3: NWS WFO Northern Indiana Products Affected by these Public/Fire Zone Changes

| Product Name<br>-----                    | WMO Heading<br>----- | AWIPS ID<br>----- |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Special Weather Statement                | WWUS83 KIWX          | SPSIWX            |
| Zone Forecast Product                    | FPUS53 KIWX          | ZFPIWX            |
| Hazardous Weather Outlook                | FLUS43 KIWX          | HWOIWX            |
| Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/Advisory | WWUS73 KIWX          | NPWIWX            |
| Winter Weather Message                   | WWUS43 KIWX          | WSWIWX            |
| Area Forecast Matrix                     | FOUS53 KIWX          | AFMIWX            |
| Point Forecast Matrices                  | FOUS53 KIWX          | PFMIWX            |
| Fire Weather Message                     | FNUS53 KIWX          | FWFIWX            |
| Fire Weather Watch/Red Flag Warning      | WWUS83 KIWX          | RFWIWX            |
| Flood Watch/Warning/Advisory             | WGUS63 KIWX          | FFAIWX            |
| Hydrologic Outlook                       | FGUS73 KIWX          | ESFIWX            |
| Hydrologic Statement                     | FGUS83 KIWX          | RVSIWX            |
| Hydrologic Summary                       | SRUS43 KIWX          | RVAIWX            |
| Daily River and Lake Summary             | FGUS53 KIWX          | RVDIWX            |
| Public Information Statement             | NOUS43 KIWX          | PNSIWX            |
| Area Forecast Discussion                 | FXUS63 KIWX          | AFDIWX            |
| Air Quality Alert Message                | AEUS73 KIWX          | AQAIWX            |
| Surf Zone Forecast                       | FZUS53 KIWX          | SRFIWX            |
| Coastal Hazard Message                   | WHUS43 KIWX          | CFWIWX            |

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

Updated Public and Fire forecast zone shapefiles are online at:

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

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/iwx/ZoneChanges>

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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