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Subject: Refinements to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones for WFO  
Juneau, AK: Effective March 18, 2025

Effective Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 1:00 pm Alaska Standard Time (AKDT), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Juneau, Alaska (AJK) will implement refinements to Public and Fire Weather Forecast Zones. Alaska Region will be updating internal shapefiles to align with the State of Alaska shapefile map. This may result in very minor changes in boundaries (on the scale of a few feet) that will not be noticeable to the public or partners. Due to the limited spatial extent of these changes, no changes will be made to Forecast Zone names or numbers. These changes will improve forecast, watch, warning, and advisory services to the public, including the "point and click" forecast.

If March 18, 2025 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to March 19, 2025.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Code (UGC-Z): Impacted Public Forecast Zone Name

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AKZ317: City and Borough of Yakutat  
AKZ318: Municipality of Skagway  
AKZ319: Haines Borough and Klukwan  
AKZ321: Eastern Chichagof Island  
AKZ322: Cape Fairweather to Lisianski Strait  
AKZ325: City and Borough of Juneau  
AKZ328: Prince of Wales Island  
AKZ329: City and Borough of Wrangell  
AKZ330: Ketchikan Gateway Borough  
AKZ331: City of Hyder

Table 2: UGC-Z: Impacted Fire Weather Forecast Zone Name

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AKZ317: City and Borough of Yakutat  
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Preliminary shapefiles for public, marine, and fire weather forecast zones and County Warning Area boundaries are available online at:

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

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on February 28, 2025.

Changes are also detailed online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/arh/AFGAJKrefinements>

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