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Subject: Changes to Fire Weather Forecast Zones for WFO Reno, NV:
Effective March 30, 2021

On or about Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 1100 AM Pacific Daylight Time, 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Reno, NV (WFO REV) will reconfigure two fire weather forecast zones in its county warning areas. After this change, all fire weather forecasts and related products for WFO REV will use the zone number and names shown below.

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

WFO REV, in conjunction with its fire partners, have redrawn the zone boundaries to better reflect the climatology, weather differences and administrative needs of the area.

Table 1: Universal Geographic Codes (UGC): Current Fire Weather Forecast Zone Name

CAZ271: Western Lassen, Eastern Plumas, Eastern Sierra, and Eastern Nevada Counties
CAZ272: Greater Lake Tahoe Area

Table 2: New UGC: New Fire Weather Forecast Zone Name

CAZ271: Western Lassen, Eastern Plumas, and Eastern Sierra Counties
CAZ272: Greater Lake Tahoe and Truckee Area

Table 3: NWS Products Affected by the Fire Weather Zone Changes

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS52 KREV	FWFREX
Fire Weather Message	WWUS82 KREV	RFWREV

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

Updated fire weather zone shapefiles are online at:

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

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/rev/firezonechanges>

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National Service Change Notices are online at:

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