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Subject: Reconfiguration of Public Forecast Zones by WFO Spokane, WA:
Effective September 8, 2021

On or about Tuesday, September 8, 2021 at 900 AM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), 1600 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Spokane, WA (WFO OTX) will divide one of its public forecast zones into three zones.

If September 8, 2021 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation will be postponed to September 15, 2021.

One current zone will be converted into three separate zones. These new zones are being divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly across the eastern slopes of the northern Washington Cascades. The tables below detail the zone changes.

Table 1:

Universal Geographic Code (UGC)	Current Public Zone Forecast Name
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WAZ042	East Slopes Northern Cascades

Table 2:

UGC	New Public Zone Forecast Name
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WAZ047	Central Chelan County
WAZ048	Western Chelan County
WAZ049	Western Okanogan County

Table 3: NWS Products Affected by the WFO Spokane, WA Public Zone Changes

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Zone Forecast Product	FPUS56 KOTX	ZFPOTX
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS56 KOTX	PFMOTX
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS66 KOTX	SFTOTX
Public Information Statement	NOUS46 KOTX	PNSOTX
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/Advisory	WWUS76 KOTX	NPWOTX
Flood Watch/Warning/Advisory	WGUS66 KOTX	FFAOTX

Special Weather Statement	WWUS86 KOTX	SPSOTX
Winter Weather Message	WWUS46 KOTX	WSWOTX
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS66 KOTX	AFDOTX
Hazardous Weather Outlook	FLUS46 KOTX	HWOOTX
Air Quality Alert Message	AEUS76 KOTX	AQAOTX

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>

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

[https://www.weather.gov/otx/Proposed Public Zone Change by NWS Spokane WA](https://www.weather.gov/otx/Proposed_Public_Zone_Change_by_NWS_Spokane_WA)

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