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Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for WFO Las Vegas, NV effective  
March 3, 2026

Effective Tue, March 3, 2026, at 1:00 PM/2:00 PM Pacific Standard  
Time/Mountain Standard Time (PST/MST), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time  
(UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Las Vegas, NV (VEF) will change  
Public Forecast Zones encompassing Clark County in southern Nevada, Inyo  
County in southeast California, and Mohave County in northwest Arizona.  
After this change, all forecasts and related products will use the zone  
numbers and names shown in Table 2 below.

If March 3, 2026 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation  
will be postponed to March 4, 2026 at 2100 UTC.

These changes will result in more geographically precise forecast, watch  
and warning products for the general public and will enhance web-based  
graphical product consistency and appearance.

Four current zones will be converted into eight separate zones. These new  
zones are being divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for  
conditions that vary significantly in the Colorado River Valley along the  
Nevada/Arizona border, Hualapai Mountains in central Mohave County, and  
the Owens Valley in Inyo County, California. The new zones are listed in  
Table 2.

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

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AZZ003: Northwest Deserts  
AZZ036: Lake Mead National Recreation Area  
CAZ520: Owens Valley  
NVZ021: Lake Mead National Recreation Area

Table 2. UGC: New Public Forecast Zone Names

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AZZ570: Lake Mead - AZ Side  
AZZ571: Lake Mohave - AZ Side  
AZZ575: Hualapai Mountains

AZZ576: Northwest Deserts  
CAZ582: Owens Valley North  
CAZ581: Owens Valley South  
NVZ025: Lake Mead - NV Side  
NVZ026: Lake Mohave - NV Side

Table 3. NWS products affected by the WFO Las Vegas, NV Public forecast zone changes are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Avalanche Watch	WOUS45 KVEF	AVAVEF
Avalanche Warning	WOUS45 KVEF	AVWVEF
Special Avalanche Bulletin	WWUS85 KVEF	SABVEF
Winter Weather Message	WWUS45 KVEF	WSWVEF
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS75 KVEF	NPWVEF
Flood Watch	WGUS65 KVEF	FFAVEF
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS75 KVEF	ESFVEF
Zone Forecast	FPUS55 KVEF	ZFPVEF
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS55 KVEF	PFMVEF
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS65 KVEF	SFTVEF
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS65 KVEF	AFDVEF
Special Weather Statement	WWUS85 KVEF	SPSVEF
Public Information Statement	NOUS45 KVEF	PNSVEF

NWS partners and users will need to make necessary changes to their communications systems to accommodate these weather forecast zone changes.

Preliminary shapefiles for public forecast zones are available online at:

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

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on February 13, 2026.

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/vef/2026zonechanges>

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