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Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for WFO Eureka, CA, effective
March 3, 2026

Effective Tue, March 3, 2026, at 1:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (ST), 2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Eureka, CA (EKA) will change Public Weather Forecast Zones encompassing Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, and Lake counties in northwestern California. 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.

Fifteen (15) current zones will be converted into 18 separate zones. These new zones are being divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly in some interior mountainous regions. The new zones are listed in Table 2.

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

CAZ101: Coastal Del Norte
CAZ102: Del Norte Interior
CAZ103: Northern Humboldt Coast
CAZ104: Southwestern Humboldt
CAZ105: Northern Humboldt Interior
CAZ106: Southern Humboldt Interior
CAZ107: Northern Trinity
CAZ108: Southern Trinity
CAZ109: Mendocino Coast
CAZ110: Northwestern Mendocino Interior
CAZ111: Northeastern Mendocino Interior
CAZ112: Southwestern Mendocino Interior
CAZ113: Southeastern Mendocino Interior

CAZ114: Northern Lake
CAZ115: Southern Lake

Table 2. UGC: New Public Forecast Zone Names

CAZ101: Coastal Del Norte
CAZ102: Interior Del Norte
CAZ103: Northern Coastal Humboldt
CAZ104: Southwestern Humboldt
CAZ105: Northeastern Interior Humboldt
CAZ106: Southeastern Interior Humboldt
CAZ108: Southern Trinity
CAZ109: Coastal Mendocino
CAZ110: Northwestern Interior Mendocino
CAZ111: Northeastern Interior Mendocino
CAZ112: Southwestern Interior Mendocino
CAZ113: Southeastern Interior Mendocino
CAZ114: Northern Lake
CAZ116: Northwestern and Central Trinity
CAZ117: Northeastern Trinity
CAZ118: Western Lake
CAZ119: Southwestern Lake
CAZ120: Eastern Lake

Table 3. NWS products affected by the WFO Eureka, CA, Public forecast zone changes are listed below.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Air Quality Alert	AEUS76 KEKA	AQAEKA
Zone Forecast	FPUS56 KEKA	ZFPEKA
Point Forecast Matrices	FOUS56 KEKA	PFMEKA
Tabular State Forecast	FPUS66 KEKA	SFTEKA
Area Forecast Discussion	FXUS66 KEKA	AFDEKA
Short Term Forecast	FPUS76 KEKA	NOWEKA
Special Weather Statement	WWUS86 KEKA	SPSEKA
Public Information Statement	NOUS46 KEKA	PNSEKA
Non-Precipitation Watch/Warning/ Advisory	WWUS76 KEKA	NPWEKA
Coastal Hazard Message	WHUS46 KEKA	CFWEKA
Surf Zone Forecast	FZUS56 KEKA	SRFEKA
Tsunami Message	WEPA41 PAAQ	TSUWCA
Public Tsunami Message	WEAK51 PAAQ	TSUAK1
Mensaje de Tsunami	WEAK61 PAAQ	TSUSPN
Flood Watch	WGUS66 KEKA	FFAEKA
Hydrologic Outlook	FGUS76 KEKA	ESFEKA
Winter Weather Message	WWUS46 KEKA	WSWEKA
Watch County Notification	WWUS66 KEKA	WCNEKA

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/eka/PublicZoneChange2026>

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