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Subject: Changes to Fire 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 Fire 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.

Ten current zones will be converted into 21 separate zones. These new zones are being divided to optimize issuance of hazard products for conditions that vary significantly in the rugged terrain of northwestern California. The new zones are listed in Table 2.

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

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CAZ201: North Coast  
CAZ202: Coastal Mendocino  
CAZ203: Upper Smith  
CAZ204: Lower Middle Klamath  
CAZ211: Hoopa  
CAZ212: Van Duzen/Mad River  
CAZ264: Lake County Portion of Lake/Napa/Sonoma RU  
CAZ276: Interior Mendocino  
CAZ277: W Mendocino NF/E Mendocino Unit  
CAZ283: Trinity

Table 2. UGC: New Fire Forecast Zone Name

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CAZ401: Coastal Del Norte  
 CAZ402: Interior Del Norte Including the Smith River Valley  
 CAZ403: Northeastern Interior Humboldt and Southwestern Siskiyou Including Orleans  
 CAZ404: Northern Coastal Humboldt  
 CAZ405: Western Interior Humboldt Including the Bald Hills  
 CAZ406: Eastern Interior Humboldt Including Willow Creek and Hoopa  
 CAZ407: Southeastern Interior Humboldt Including Kneeland and Alderpoint  
 CAZ408: Southwestern Humboldt Including the King Range and the Eel River Valley  
 CAZ409: Northwestern Trinity Including Salyer and Big Bar  
 CAZ410: Northeastern Trinity Including Trinity Lake  
 CAZ411: Eastern Trinity Including Weaverville and Hayfork  
 CAZ412: Southern Trinity Including Ruth Lake and the Yolla Bollys  
 CAZ413: Coastal Mendocino  
 CAZ414: Northern Interior Mendocino Including Leggett and Willits  
 CAZ415: Northeastern Interior Mendocino Including Covelo  
 CAZ416: Southeastern Interior Mendocino Including Ukiah and Potter Valley  
 CAZ417: Southwestern Interior Mendocino Including Booneville  
 CAZ418: Northern Lake Including Gravelly Valley  
 CAZ419: Eastern Lake Including Clearlake and Middletown  
 CAZ420: Southern Lake Including Cobb and Konocti  
 CAZ421: Western Lake Including Lakeport

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

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Fire Weather Forecast	FNUS56 KEKA	FWFEKA
Red Flag Warning	WWUS86 KEKA	RFWEKA
Fire Warning	WOUS46 KEKA	FRWEKA

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

Preliminary shapefiles for fire weather forecast zones are available online at:

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

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/2026\\_Fire\\_Zone\\_Change](https://www.weather.gov/eka/2026_Fire_Zone_Change)

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