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From: Michelle Hawkins, Chief
 Severe, Fire, Public and Winter Weather Services Branch

Subject: Soliciting Comments on a Format Change to the Rangeland Fire
Danger Forecast Issued by WFO Corpus Christi through December 4, 2020

The NWS is accepting public comments until December 4, 2020 on a proposal to change from a narrative format to a sectioned format in the South Texas Rangeland Fire Danger forecast product (RFDCRP) issued by Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Corpus Christi, TX.

The information contained in the RFDCRP will not change. It will be reformatted to be easier to read and highlight specific weather elements contributing to elevated fire weather conditions.

Proposed Format for the RFDCRP:

FNUS64 KCRP
RFDCRP
TXZ245-247-345-347-447-130000-

FIRE DANGER STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CORPUS CHRISTI TX
506 AM CDT SUN APR 12 2020

...ELEVATED FIRE DANGER CONDITIONS THIS AFTERNOON ACROSS ARANSAS AND
CALHOUN COUNTIES...

WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL BE FAVORABLE FOR WILDFIRE GROWTH.

TIMING: FROM 10 AM UNTIL 7 PM.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY: 20 TO 30 PERCENT.

WIND: WESTERLY AT 20 TO 30 MPH, WITH HIGHER GUSTS.

MAX TEMPERATURES: 95 TO 100 DEGREES.

FUELS: DRY.

THESE CONDITIONS WILL SUPPORT THE SPREAD OF WILDFIRES. OUTDOOR BURNING

AND ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE OPEN SPARKS OR FLAMES ARE DISCOURAGED.

Current Format for the RFDCRP:

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DRIER AND NEAR BREEZY CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON BEHIND A
FRONT THAT WILL MOVE THROUGH THE AREA THIS MORNING. RELATIVE HUMIDITY
VALUES OF 20-30 PERCENT ARE EXPECTED OVER THIS REGION ALONG WITH GUSTY
WEST WINDS. THIS WILL PROVIDE AN ELEVATED FIRE DANGER THREAT FOR THE AREA
THIS AFTERNOON. WEST WINDS WILL DECREASE QUICKLY BY EARLY EVENING.

AFFECTED RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO EXERCISE CARE WITH RESPECT TO ALL OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES THAT COULD INADVERTENTLY CAUSE WILDFIRES. AVOID THE USE OF
WELDING OF GRINDING EQUIPMENT NEAR GRASS AND DRY BRUSH. IN
ADDITION...AVOID PARKING VEHICLES IN TALL...DRY GRASS AND WEEDS THAT COULD
BE IGNITED. DO NOT TOSS CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE GROUND. REPORT WILDFIRES
QUICKLY TO THE NEAREST FIRE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.

Product proposed to be reformatted:

Product Name: Rangeland Fire
Old Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) ID: RFDCRP
Old World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Header: FNUS64 KCRP

If public feedback supports this change, a Service Change Notice will be
sent before replacing the narrative RFDCRP product to the sectioned RFDCRP
product.

Please submit comments regarding the proposal to:

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