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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS: This supplement supersedes NWS Alaska Region Supplement (ARS) 09-2003, Weather Service Offices (WSO) Hydrologic Service Areas, dated November 18, 2005, filed with National Weather Service Instruction (NWSI) 10-903. It reflects changes to the description of the McGrath area of responsibility.

Section numbers in this supplement correspond to the section numbers in NWSI 10-903.

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1. Introduction. Communications, transportation, and the benefits of public outreach to the communities which surround the Alaska Region weather service offices (WSO) make it desirable for localized hydrologic service to be provided by the WSO to these surrounding areas. As defined in ARS 07-2003, applicable to NWSI 10-921, the WSO will maintain a hydrologic watch in its area of responsibility for its hours of operations. Public outreach and observational activities related to the hydrologic program may also be conducted in cooperation with the Weather Forecast Office (WFO). The zone containing the McGrath Weather Service Office was split effective on Thursday May 7, 2009, with the Hydrologic Service Area responsibilities being assigned from Anchorage to Fairbanks and the zone number for McGrath being changed from 151 to 227.

This supplement assigns geographic areas to WSOs for the purpose of hydrologic service responsibility. Note that these areas do not necessarily conform to their meteorological areas of responsibility.

4. Weather Service Office Hydrologic Service Areas. Alaska Zone assignments for each WSO are listed below:

Barrow: Drainages north of the Brooks Range within Zone 202.

Kotzebue: Drainages into Kotzebue Sound within Zone 209.

Nome: Drainages into Norton Sound within Zone 211.

McGrath: The Upper Kuskokwim River and its tributaries within Zone 227.

Bethel: The Lower Kuskokwim River and its tributaries within Zone 155.

St. Paul: Drainages in the Pribilofs within Zone 195.

Cold Bay: Drainages in the Alaska Peninsula within Zone 181.

Kodiak: Drainages in the Kodiak Island group within Zone 171.

King Salmon: Drainages into Bristol Bay within Zone 161.

Valdez: Rivers draining into Valdez Arm and the Copper River within Zone 131.

Yakutat: Drainages into Yakutat Bay or the Gulf of Alaska within Zone 17.

Annette: Drainages of Annette Island, Gravina Island, Prince of Wales Island and Revillagigedo Island within Zones 27, 28, and 29.

These areas, as well as those not assigned to a WSO, are all within the hydrologic areas of responsibility assigned to WFOs in accordance with NWS Instruction 10-903.