

(Wyo.)-Cheyenne Doppler Radar Down For Upgrades

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(Chadron)-As reported in August, the National Weather Service in Cheyenne is receiving an upgrade to their doppler radar system, which began today (Monday). John Griffith is a meteorologist with the NWS and says the upgrades will take about two weeks. According to Griffith, the new system will allow more views of the same storm. The upgrade will be to a dual polarization system, meaning there will be two different "beams" going out from the radar as opposed to one, which will get two different angles on storms.

Griffith said this dual polarization will allow the NWS to obtain better information about the storms. The Denver and North Platte offices are among those offices which upgraded the Doppler radar systems earlier in the year. This is one of the reasons October was chosen for Cheyenne. Another is the fact that October is generally a quiet weather month.

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