

TO: NE Montana EAS Broadcasters, DES Coordinators

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Notice of Emergency Alert System Changes

The National Weather Service in Glasgow, MT will be making updates to the way we broadcast to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) through our NOAA Weather Radio system. The last changes to the system were nearly 13 years ago. We now have new NOAA Weather Radio Transmitters, and newer technologies that are in place.

The Baker, MT NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) station W XK57 will no longer alert for warnings across Wibaux County, MT. Wibaux has NOAA Weather Radio station W Z2528, which will provide EAS messages for that county.

The Miles City, MT NOAA Weather Radio station W XL54 will no longer send EAS messages for McCone County, MT. Coverage for W XL54 is poor to nonexistent over McCone County. Good coverage does exist from the Signal Hill transmitter W XL32 over the northern half of the county, Poplar transmitter K GG94 over the northeast corner of the county, the Jordan transmitter K HB53 for the SW portion of the county and from the Circle transmitter K HC26 over the southeast portion of the county.

The NOAA Weather Radio transmitter W XL84 in Williston, ND will now provide EAS messages for eastern Sheridan County, Montana, while the NOAA Weather Radio Transmitter W WF50 Plentywood will continue to alert for the entire county

We wanted to provide notice of these changes because they may impact current monitoring stations for the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

These changes will be made effective August 1st 2018, if you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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Addendum:

NWR information for transmitters impacted by the aforementioned changes.

County	NWR Transmitter	Call Sign	SAME	FIPS Code	Frequency	Remarks
Wibaux	Wibaux	WZ2528	030109	109	162.500	ALL
Sheridan	Plentywood	WWF50	030091	091	162.475	ALL
Sheridan	Williston	WXL84	030091	091	162.550	E 1/2
McCone	Circle	KHC26	930055	055	162.550	SE 1/2
McCone	Glasgow	WXL32	130055 230055	055	162.400	NW 1/4 NC 1/4
McCone	Poplar	KGG94	330055	055	162.425	NE 1/4
McCone	Jordan	KHB53	430055 730055	055	162.400	WC 1/4 SW 1/4

Note:

Remarks refers to the portion of the county alerted for by the given transmitter.

FIPS code is a unique number tied to the county.

SAME code is the Specific Area Message Encoding

NWR information for all transmitters across northeast Montana.

County Coverage for WWG85 (Malta)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Phillips	030071	

County Coverage for KPS507 (Opheim/Glentana)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Valley	230105	N Valley
MT	Daniels	430019	W Daniels

County Coverage for WWF92 (Scobey)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Daniels	030019	

County Coverage for WWF50 (Plentywood)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Sheridan	030091	

County Coverage for WXL32 (Glasgow)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Valley	030105	
MT	McCone	130055	NW ¼ McCone
MT	McCone	230055	NC ¼ McCone
MT	Garfield	230033	N Garfield

County Coverage for KGG94 (Poplar)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Roosevelt	030085	
MT	McCone	330055	NE ¼ McCone
MT	Richland	230083	N Richland

County Coverage for WNG670 (Winnett)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Petroleum	030069	
MT	Garfield	430033	W Garfield
MT	Fergus	630027	E Fergus

County Coverage for KHB53 (Jordan)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Garfield	030033	
MT	McCone	430055	WC ¼ McCone
MT	McCone	730055	SW ¼ McCone

County Coverage for KHC26 (Circle)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	McCone	930055	SE ½ McCone
MT	Dawson	430021	W Dawson

County Coverage for WWF93 (Glendive)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Dawson	030021	
MT	Wibaux	030109	
MT	Prairie	030079	
MT	Richland	830083	S Richland

County Coverage for WZ2528 (Wibaux)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Wibaux	030109	

County Coverage for WXL84 (Williston, ND)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Sheridan	030091	E 1/2
MT	Roosevelt	030085	E 1/2
MT	Richland	030083	E 1/2

County Coverage for WXL54 (Miles City)

State	County	SAME	Remarks
MT	Prairie	030079	