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(Neb.)-UPDATED 2:11 PM CANCELLED Spotter Training In Fort Robinson Still Scheduled But May Change

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As of 2:11 pm, the National Weather Service in Cheyenne has decided to cancel the spotter training scheduled for Thursday in Fort Robinson due to the hazards of Griffith traveling on dangerous roads in Wyoming in order to get to the Panhandle.

(Crawford)-The winter storm in the Panhandle of Nebraska is not much compared to the storm last week, but Eastern Wyoming is getting hit harder, which has affected severe weather spotter training classes in the area. A class scheduled for Wednesday evening has been cancelled, and forecasters at the National Weather Service in Cheyenne are contemplating the class scheduled for Fort Robinson on Thursday evening.

According to John Griffith with the NWS in Cheyenne, the Dawes County area is not receiving a lot of snow at this point, but in Cheyenne, schools are closed and roads in Wyoming are either closed or no travel is recommended. As of this point, Griffith said the class in Fort Robinson is not being cancelled, but it is a possibility if the winds pick up in the Panhandle and conditions in Wyoming continue to be hazardous.

One concern Griffith has is the fire school that is held at Fort Robinson, which coincides with the spotter training class. If the class is cancelled, those attending the fire school would miss out on the training session, and it would be unlikely the class could be rescheduled. Griffith said he and others at the office in Cheyenne will be watching conditions closely, as well as being in contact with Nan Gould with Region 23 Emergency Management, prior to making a final decision on the class.

Should the class be cancelled, notifications will be posted on the National Weather Service Cheyenne web page, their social media pages, and announced on KCSR/KBPY and chadrad.com.

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