



Upgrade to the Weather Radar near Minot, North Dakota.

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The National Weather Service Doppler Radar (WSR-88D) near Minot, ND will be out of service for approximately five days beginning April 9, 2018. During this time technicians will be refurbishing the radar's transmitter.

During the outage, radar coverage is available from adjacent radars including: KGGW at Glasgow, Montana, KBIS in Bismarck, North Dakota and KMVX near Mayville, North Dakota.

This is the second of four major upgrades, known as Service Life Extension Projects (SLEP), planned in the next five years to replace and refurbish major components of the nearly 30 year old WSR-88Ds and to keep the radars operational into the 2030s. The \$150 million investment is being made by the three organizations that use these radars, National Weather Service, United States Air Force, and the Federal Aviation Administration. The two other Service Life Extension Projects include refurbishing the pedestal, and equipment shelters.

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