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**AIRPORT STORMREADY CERTIFIED  
Only 3 Airports in the United States Currently Certified**

CASPER, WY – Casper / Natrona County International Airport announced today that the National Weather Service has designated the Airport StormReady. StormReady is a program that was started in 1999 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It strengthens local safety programs and helps communities with the communication and skills needed to save lives and property before and during an event. "Airport leaders and emergency service staff are to be commended for recognizing the need to better protect visitors to their facility," said Chris Jones, warning coordination meteorologist at the Riverton National Weather Service office. "An improved hazardous weather plan and enhanced communications are in place as a result of the Airport staff seeking StormReady status."

There were three steps the Airport took to become StormReady: a written application, a verification visit, and StormReady Advisory Board approval. The Airport was required to:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operation center;
- Have redundant ways to receive weather forecasts and warnings to alert the public;
- Create a system that monitors local weather conditions;
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars; and
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan and train severe weather spotters.

The StormReady recognition will be in effect for three years, after which the Airport will go through a renewal process.

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