

Twister hits Mississippi; snow in Rockies

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JACKSON, Miss. -- Residents in Simpson County, Miss., were cleaning up Thursday in the aftermath of a tornado that touched down overnight, officials said.

Meanwhile, snow disrupted travel in Colorado and Wyoming and other parts of the central Rockies as an early Spring storm moved through the region, with up to a foot of snow expected in some areas, AccuWeather.com reported.

In Mississippi, emergency officials reported at least 60 homes were damaged and more than a dozen people were injured by windstorms, WATP-TV, Jackson, Miss., reported. Emergency crews reported rescuing several people trapped in a bathtub by debris.

Schools in Simpson and Smith counties were closed Thursday.

Officials in Madison County reported at least three homes were damaged heavily when storms moved through Wednesday, the television station said.

In the central Rockies, forecasters said they expected travel conditions to deteriorate throughout the day. Significant delays and cancellations were expected at Denver International Airport, with delays spreading out to other airports. Roads were expected to become snow-covered and slick with visibility reduced by wind-blown snow.

Forecasters said the heaviest accumulation of snow was expected over most of Colorado, the extreme eastern portion of Kansas, and the far northeastern area in New Mexico.

The moisture-rich storm was expected to move into the southern Plains states by Friday, AccuWeather.com said, before pushing northeast toward the Midwest.

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