

Mountain Lake tower collapses

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PLATTSBURGH — Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council WCFE lost its transmitter tower. The 400-foot tower located on Lyon Mountain in the Town of Saranac collapsed completely and partially damaged the transmitter building at its base.

The cause of the collapse is unknown.

Mountain Lake Director of Engineering Charlie Zarbo said the tower "is completely torn off its base and is not salvageable in any way."

The public-television station is mobilizing all of its resources to minimize the time that the station is off the air, according to a news release, and will keep viewers updated as information becomes available.

On Wednesday, station officials would not give any estimate for how long it could take to get back on the air on the affected channels.

The viewers affected by the damages are Adelphia Cable 14 (Tri-Lakes), Time-Warner 12 (Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Port Henry), Time-Warner 10 (Champlain/Chazy area), Time-Warner 8 (Malone/Massena/Potsdam area), Small Cities Cable 7 (Shelburne/Vergennes area), Adelphia Cable 14 (Burlington area) TCI Cable 8 (St. Albans area), Videotron 24/46 (Montreal) 20 (Quebec City), Transvision 14 (Granby), Rogers Cogeco 19 (Hawkesbury, Onatrio), Translator Channel 25 (Tupper Lake), Translator Channel 67 (Willsboro), Translator Channel 25 (Monkton, Vt.) and Translator Channel 60 (Addison, Vt.).

Mountain Lake continues to deliver programming over Charter Communications cable system (Cable 7), servicing the Clinton County area.

Mountain Lake PBS broadcasts educational and informational programming 24 hours a day on analog Channel 57 and digital Channel 38.

Mountain Lake plans to rebuild.