

KSST knocked off air; should be back Saturday

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KSST Radio should be back on the air Saturday afternoon when the station's transmitter, which was knocked out by the Thursday night electrical storm, is replaced.

Jimmy Rogers, KSST acting general manager, said a replacement for the transmitter, which is about the size of a matchbox, is expected to be delivered by 1:30 p.m. Saturday and broadcasts should resume soon afterward.

"The power-switching supply was adversely affected by power surges last night, possibly by a lightning strike," Rogers said. "We were on the air last night when it happened, and it came at a very inopportune time — right as we were getting reports of damage in the Tira and Birthright area."

Though the radio broadcast is temporarily disabled, cable Channel 18 is still operable, Rogers said.

"We will be using Channel 18 for our broadcasts until the radio station is back on the air," Rogers said.