Northwest Mountain Region Audio Transcript (1:58)

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Salt Lake City Center

Wheeler-"Northwest 1273 thank you, radar services terminated. You can contact Bozeman Tower at 118.2."

NWA1273 Pilot-"Ok, over to the tower at 118.2. Goodnight, NW1273."

Wheeler-"Bozeman Tower, Sector 6"

Bozeman Controller-"Bozeman"

Wheeler-"Could you tell me the position please of the NW1273?"

Bozeman Controller-"Procedure turn outbound. I have SkyWest in sight but not Northwest."

Wheeler-"Wow, Northwest really went out there didn't he.

INAUDIBLE-I don't know if the field is technically still IFR. What's your ceiling right now?"

Bozeman Controller-"Ok, we have 100 scattered right now."

Wheeler"100 scattered, no broken ceiling than at all?"

Bozeman Controller"No sir."

Wheeler-"Ok, I'll wait for the SkyWest to see the Airbus."

"Bozeman Tower, Sector 6."

Bozeman Controller-"Bozeman"

Wheeler-"I think that NW is confused on the approach. He is 35.5 miles northwest of the airport. Ask him if he's deviated from the VOR. Immediately tell me please."

Bozeman Controller-"He told me to standby one second."

Wheeler-"Tell him NW1273 approach clearance is cancelled, climb and maintain 11,000 immediately for terrain, low altitude alert. Tell him."

Wheeler (on guard frequency)-"NW1273, Salt Lake Center on guard, low altitude alert. Check your altitude immediately. Approach clearance cancelled, climb and maintain 11,000 immediately."

Bozeman Controller-"Told him to climb to 11,000, told him his approach clearance has been cancelled. He is calling you."

Wheeler-"SkyWest4058 climb and maintain 12,000 immediately for traffic."

SKW4058 Pilot-"12,000 SkyWest4058"

Wheeler "SkyWest4058 report reaching"

SKW4058 Pilot-"You bet..."

NWA1273 Pilot-"...is climbing out of 7.5 for 11,000."

Wheeler-"NW1273, Salt Lake Center has you radar contact. Low altitude alert, climb and maintain 11,000 immediately. The terrain in your area is 10,800."

NWA1273 Pilot-"We're climbing to 11,000, NW1273."

Wheeler-"NW1273, correction on the terrain sir, the minimum IFR altitude is 10,000 and the terrain should be 2,000 feet below that."

NWA1273 Pilot-"Ok, NW1273"

Wheeler-"NW1273, I don't know where we messed up there sir, but you're 36 miles from the airport, well beyond the parameters of the published profile on the approach."

NWA1273 Pilot-"NW1273 roger"