

DTV Transition Called a “Success”

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The National Association of Broadcasters has called last week’s digital television transition a success.

According to Shermaze Ingram of the NAB, 971 full-power television stations turned off their analog signals Friday to transition into all-digital broadcasting.

The Obama Administration’s postponement of the transition from February until June seemed to help ease the public into the change as the NAB reports over 98 percent of Americans were aware the switch was coming and nine out of ten households knew the transition would only impact over-the-air television signals.

The NAB also reported more than 60 million converter box coupons were requested.

The High Country’s only local television station, MTN, was not affected by the transition. They are considered a low-power station, and will be able to resume broadcasting through cable and their analog signal.

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One High Country resident who does not subscribe to cable or satellite services said he was only able to pick up WXII out of Winston-Salem with his digital antenna. If you only use over-the-air television, how many stations are you able to pick up?