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Boulder Scientists To Appear On Television Program

Boulder, Colorado---Several scientists from the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) will be featured on the NOVA television program to be aired Wednesday, February 2 at 8:00 p.m. on Channel 6. "The Sunspot Mystery" explores the relationship between weather patterns we experience and the cycle of sunspots. A number of Boulder scientists are interested in this relationship and the program includes interviews with Paul Crutzen, John Eddy, Walter Orr Roberts and Stephen Schneider from NCAR.

Most of the television program was filmed in Boulder and includes scientists from the University of Colorado and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as well as NCAR scientists.

"The Sunspot Mystery" examines the intriguing but controversial connection between the sunspot cycles and drought cycles, and part of the interview with Walter Orr Roberts was filmed in his airplane as he flew over the drought-stricken wheat fields in eastern Colorado. (Roberts, a former director of NCAR, is the husband of city councilwoman Janet Roberts.)

A film crew from WGBH-TV in Boston filmed the program in Boulder last spring. "The Sunspot Mystery" is scheduled for re-broadcast on Saturday, February 5 at 5:00 p.m. on Channel 6.

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