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North American Air Defense Moves Center to Mountain

COLORADO SPRINGS, April 20 (AP)—The nerve center of the North American continent's air defense system was moved Wednesday to a new underground location deep inside a mountain.

American and Canadian flags were raised at the main entrance to the \$142.4-million Cheyenne Mountain complex south of Colorado Springs to signal the change.

A ceremony planned in conjunction with the flag raising was canceled because of snow and cold.

Operations were switched from a two-story block building here that has housed the command center of the North American Air Defense Command since August, 1957.

The mountain complex, under a 2,000-foot canopy of granite, is described as nearly invulnerable to nuclear attack.

The center is operated jointly by the United States and the Canadian Forces Air Defense Command.