

Meteorologists: Cuomo's weather claims are all wet

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In this Nov. 24, 2014 file photo, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, right, helps resident Nancy Barletta through the snow at her house while surveying the aftermath of a lake-effect snowstorm in West Seneca, N.Y. Cuomo has criticized the National Weather Service for its forecasts of the storm, and said the state is creating its own weather monitoring system. (AP Photo/Mike Groll, File)

Gov. Andrew Cuomo says New York is creating the nation's most

advanced weather detection system, but meteorologists say his weather service is unlikely to live up to his expectations.

The Democratic governor says the National Weather Service was "off" on its predictions for the storm that dumped 7 feet of snow on parts of the Buffalo area. He says the state's \$18.7 million weather monitoring system will allow for more precise detection of weather patterns.

But meteorologists say that while the system will measure current conditions to assess the risk of short-term events like flooding, it won't be able to forecast snowfall days in advance.

To do that, they say, the state would need monitors outside of New York—and a supercomputer to calculate complicated weather models.



In this Nov. 21, 2014 file photo, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo gives a storm update in Cheektowaga, N.Y., after lake-effect snowstorms covered western New York. Cuomo has criticized the National Weather Service for its forecasts of the storm, and said the state is creating its own weather monitoring system. (AP Photo/Mike Groll, File)

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