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NORTHERN COLORADO'S STRANGE EARNS THIRD BIG SKY WEEKLY HONOR OF THE SEASON

OGDEN, Utah (February 16, 2015) - Northern Colorado's D'Shara Strange was named the Big Sky Conference women's basketball player of the week after leading the Bears to a road sweep of Montana State and conference-leader Montana this past weekend. This is the third Big Sky weekly award for Strange this season.

Strange, a senior from Fountain, Colo., averaged 24.0 points, 14.5 rebounds, two assists and two steals while helping the Bears complete the road sweep of Montana and Montana State. It was the first time a Big Sky school has achieved the feat since Eastern Washington in January of 2012.

On Thursday against Montana State, Strange posted 31 points and 17 rebounds, both of which were career-highs.

Against Big Sky leader Montana, Strange made the game winning shot with 2.6 seconds remaining to end the Lady Griz's 23-game home conference winning streak. She finished the game with 17 points and 12 rebounds, pacing the Bears in both categories.

Northern Colorado currently sits in sixth place in the Big Sky standings. The Bears will have a chance to make a push for a higher seed in the Big Sky tournament as they host Sacramento State and Portland State this weekend.

Others nominated: Jasmine Hommes, Montana State: Stacey Barr, Idaho: Jalen Carpenter, Weber State: Hayley Hodgins, Eastern Washington: Fantasia Hilliard, Sacramento State: Kellie Rubel, Montana: Raven Anderson, Northern Arizona: Ashleigh Munns, Southern Utah.