

Chris Theisen, Northern Plains UAS Test Site

Chris Theisen is the Director of R&D for the Northern Plains UAS Test Site and a Radar Research Meteorologist for the Regional Weather Information Center at the University of North Dakota. He graduated from UND with a B.S. (2003) and M.S. (2006) and became a full-time research staff member of RWIC in 2007 working primarily in UAS research. Mr. Theisen contributed in North Dakota's efforts to become one of the six FAA-selected UAS Test Sites, and has taken the role of Director of R&D since designation. He works closely with clients interested in utilizing UAS and ensures efforts address FAA goals and objectives to safely integrate UAS into the National Airspace System.