



Project 8.6

Major Event Operations

Coordination Support

Project Wrap Up

June 10, 2014

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Project Purpose

- **Temporarily** extend support for major event coordination that occurred through Athey Creek during Projects 6.1 and 7.2
 - Expect continuation of temporary support will strengthen relationships among state operations staff so coordination will become more routine

Coordination Approach

- Beginning in early October, Athey Creek **used major event threshold to identify events** for potential coordination
 - **Full closure** of all lanes in one or both directions with duration **greater than two hours**
 - **Bridge or border closure**, or other significant delays
 - **Widespread hazardous condition** such as significant winter weather or flooding in progress
 - Evacuations or other **high profile significant event** that would impact interstate corridor

Coordination Approach

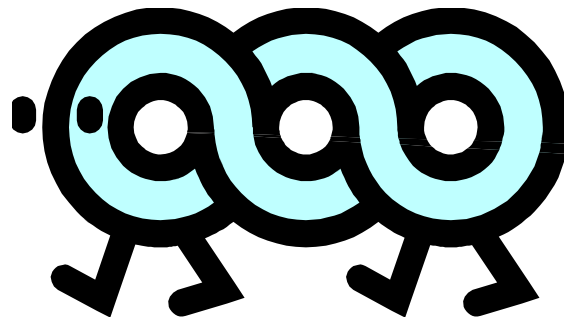
- Athey Creek **monitored states** for major events
 - Email notifications, Twitter, web sites, RSS
 - Operations staff or steering committee members could also notify Athey Creek within 24 hours of an event
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Coordination Approach

- Athey Creek **emailed TMC/TOC operations staff**
 - Steering committee members copied
 - Known details about event were outlined
 - Route, direction of travel, location (city/mile mark), impact, anticipated duration
 - Operations staff were asked to confirm whether event requires further coordination support

Coordination Approach

- Athey Creek **stayed in coordination loop** as long desired
- Athey Creek **conducted follow up**, as needed
 - End of event email, event summaries





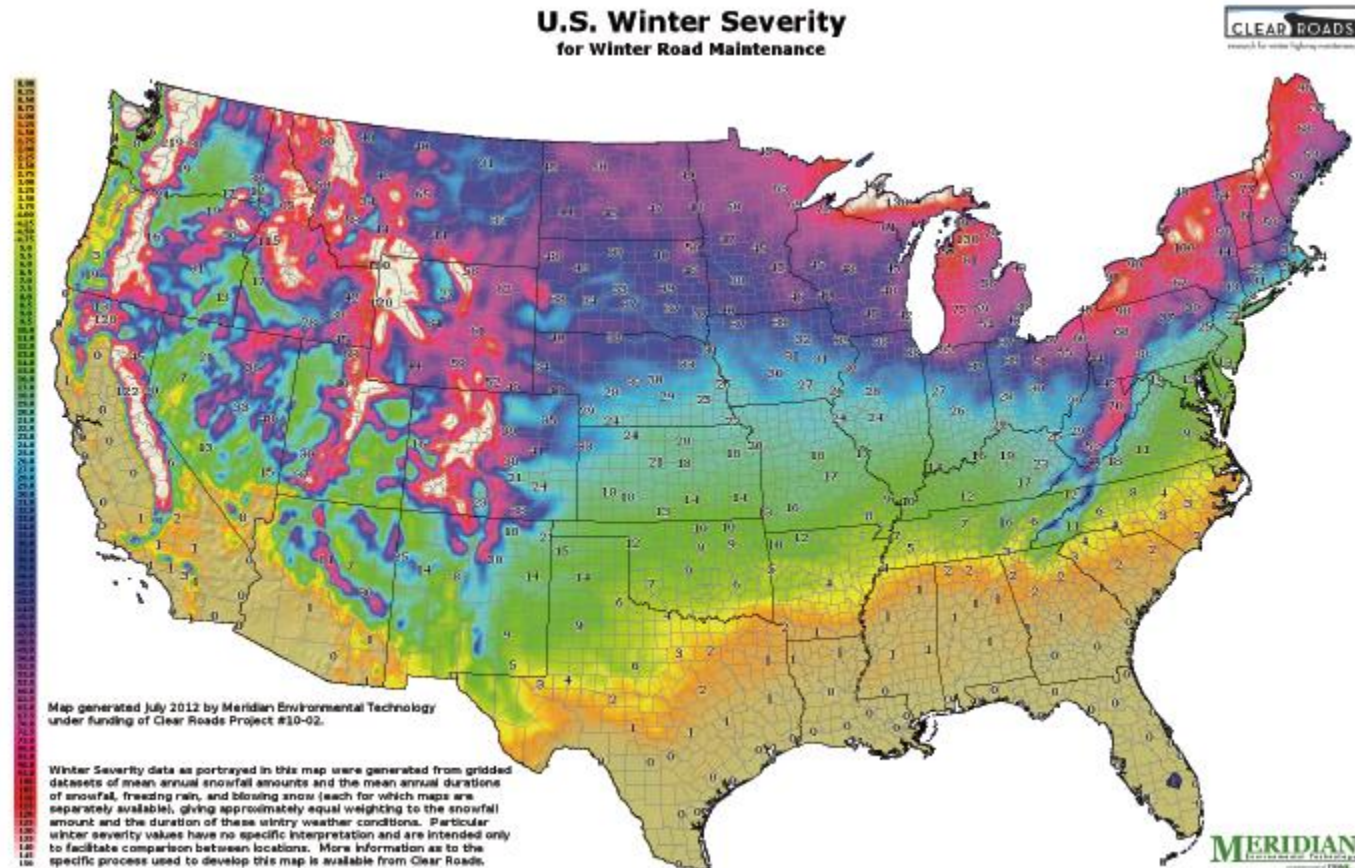
Major Events Recap

Date	Event	Level of Support
October 4-7, 2013	Winter Storm Atlas	High
November 27, 2013	WA crash	Low
December 3, 2013	Winter storm in WY	Low
January 14, 2014	Winter storm in WI, MN, ND and SD	Low
January 16, 2014	Winter storm in MN, ND and SD	Medium
January 26, 2014	Winter storm in MN and ND	Medium
March 4, 2014	Avalanche in ID (Lookout Pass)	Low*
March 31-April 1, 2014	Landslide in MT (Taft), winter storm in ND, SD and WY	High
April 4, 2014	Construction in MN and WA	Low

There are major events in the corridor!

Observations and Recommendations

- Winter weather is likely to continue causing major events



Observations and Recommendations

- USDOT issued June 2011 policy statement on climate change adaptation
 - *“The climate is changing and the transportation sector needs to prepare for its impacts... DOT encourages State, regional and local transportation agencies to **consider climate change impacts** in their decision-making, as well.”*
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Planning for Major Events*

Observations and Recommendations

- Sturgis Motorcycle Rally will continue
 - 75 years coming up!
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Planning for Major Events*
- North Dakota oil fields
 - Increased hazmat and heavy truck traffic anticipated around
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Planning for Major Events*

Observations and Recommendations

- Email notifications worked best for unplanned events
 - Opt-in parameters used by most kept things efficient by limiting notices to specific areas/conditions
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Rural Incident Management Best Practices and Information Sharing*
- Lack of relationships – staff just don't interact often
 - Seasonal webinar, occasional email, operations task force
 - Additional interaction to build relationships
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Planning for Major Events*
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Operations Task Force*
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Major Event Tabletop Exercise*
- Couldn't always tell if coordination support was useful
 - ND feedback positive, no contact for Lookout Pass

Observations and Recommendations

- Still not always clear when coordination is necessary
 - Major event threshold helps
 - Lack of any performance target could be a factor
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Research Need for Corridor Performance Measures*
- Periodic evaluation seems useful
 - Operational test, major event level after action reviews
 - TIM Self-Assessment could be a useful tool
 - *WP9 Project Idea: Research Need for Corridor Performance Measures*



Questions?

