

# **Western States Rural Transportation Consortium Meeting**

June 14, 2011

# Overview/Agenda

- Welcome / Introductions / Recent ITS Activities
- General Status of the WSRTC
- Clarus One Stop Shop Update
- Year 1 Incubator Project Update/Overview
- COATS Phase 4 Project Follow-up
- Other discussions (as needed)

# Roundtable of Recent ITS Activities

# General Status of the Western States Rural Transportation Consortium

# Clarus One Stop Shop

# Broad Agency Announcement No. DTFH61-10-R-00015

- Posted by FHWA on March 15, 2010
- Proposals Due April 14, 2010
- *The goal of this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) is to support research and scientific study on the use of Clarus System data to improve surface transportation weather management/operations, create innovative interfaces, and/or develop new applications including weather-responsive traffic management tools. The FHWA anticipates making up to seven (7) awards, but reserves the right to make more or fewer than seven (7) awards.*

# WTI Proposal

- Proposal Submitted on Time
- Included signed letters of support from WSRTC member states: California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada
- GOAL: Expand the One-Stop-Shop Prototype to Cover all of California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada
  - ... to address the shortcomings of current (multi-state) web-based weather information sources for travelers (and DOT personnel) ...
- Project awarded on 9/24/2010



# Progress

- We're close to having the site ready for review by FHWA and Consortium members.
- We need to check functionality and address what is missing.
- In general, we have included all of the anticipated data sets, including coverage of Washington with nearly all layers.



# A Preview ...





Current Weather

Forecast Weather

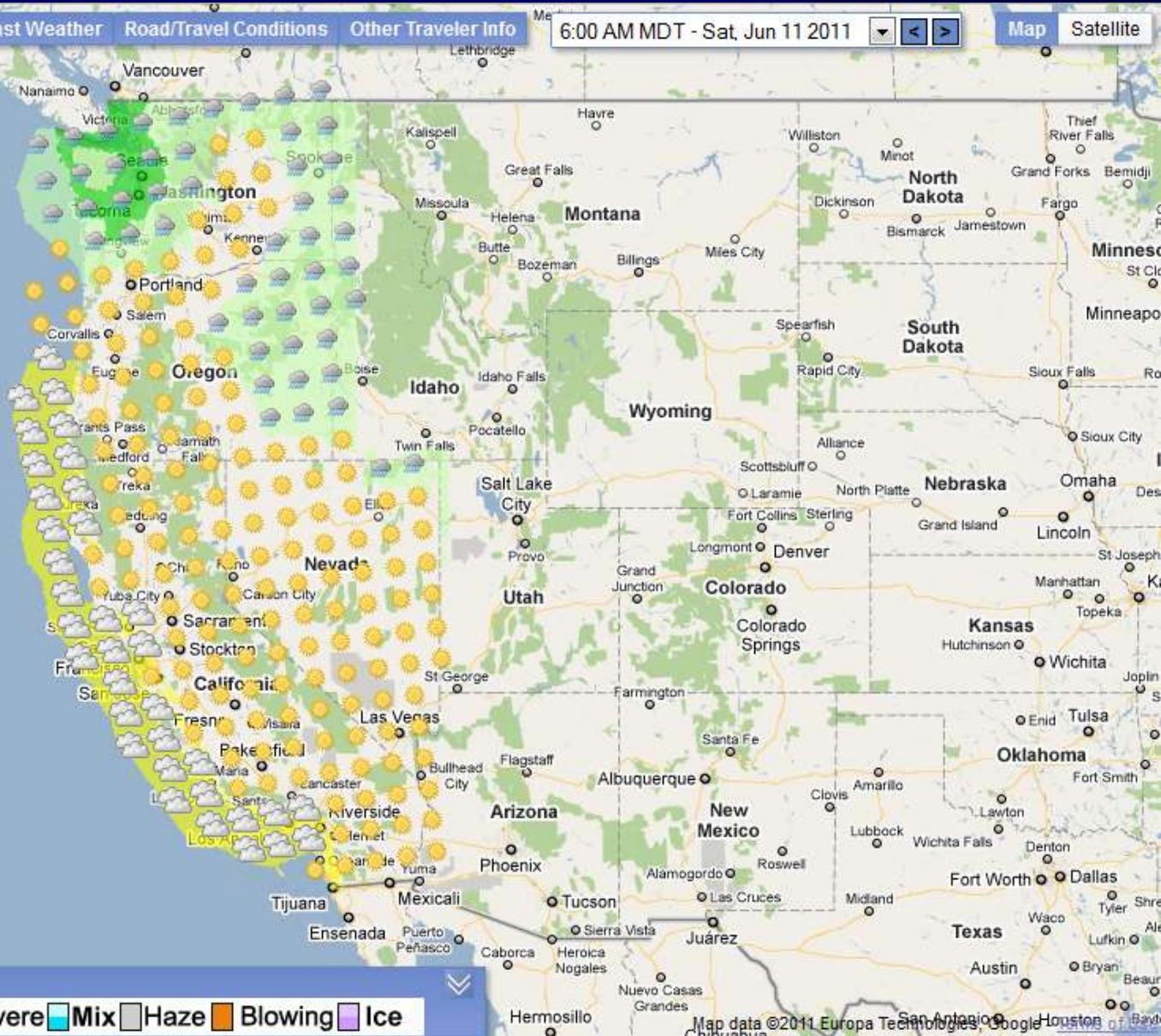
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Weather

Fog Rain Snow Severe Mix Haze Blowing Ice

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# The Layers

Current Weather	Forecast Weather	Road/Travel Conditions	Other Traveler Info
Air Temperature			
Relative Humidity			
1 Hour Precipitation			
24 Hour Precipitation			
AHPS 24 hr Precip.			
Wind			
Clarus Stations			



Current Weather	Forecast Weather	Road/Travel Conditions	Other Traveler Info
	Air Temperature		
	Wind Speed		
	Wind Gust Speed		
	Humidity		
	Sky Cover		
	12-Hour Chance of Precipitation		
	6-Hour Precipitation		
	Snow		
	Weather		



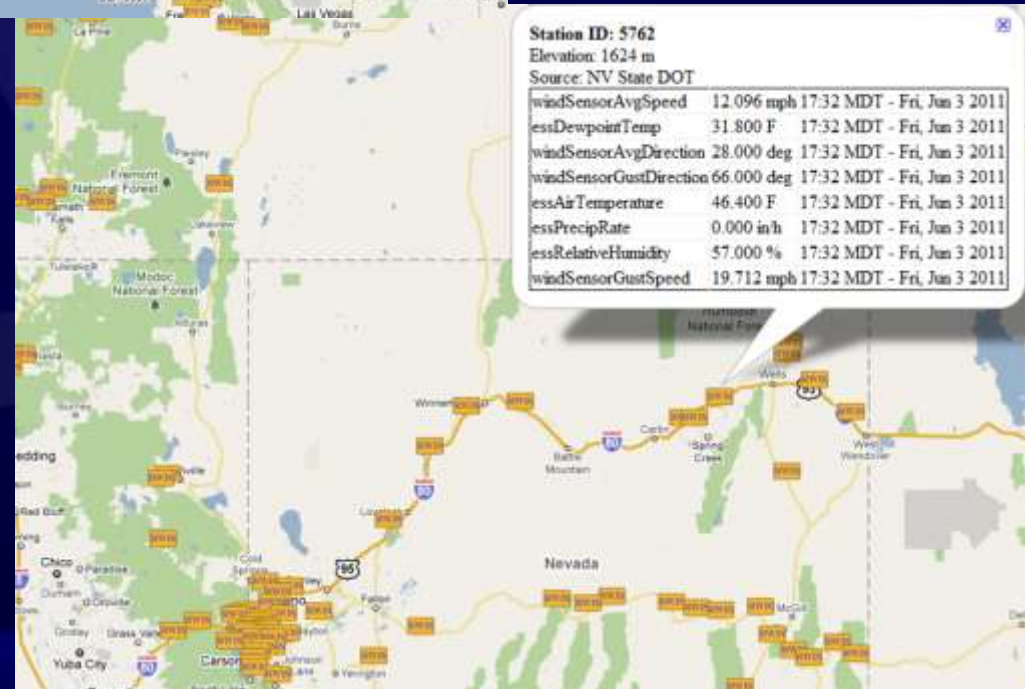
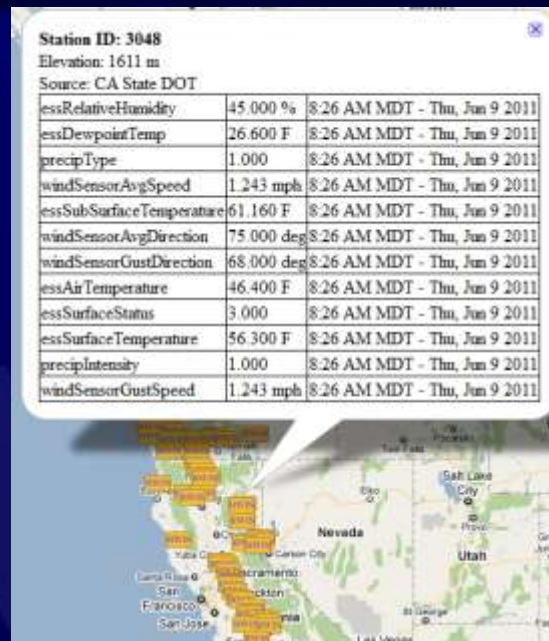
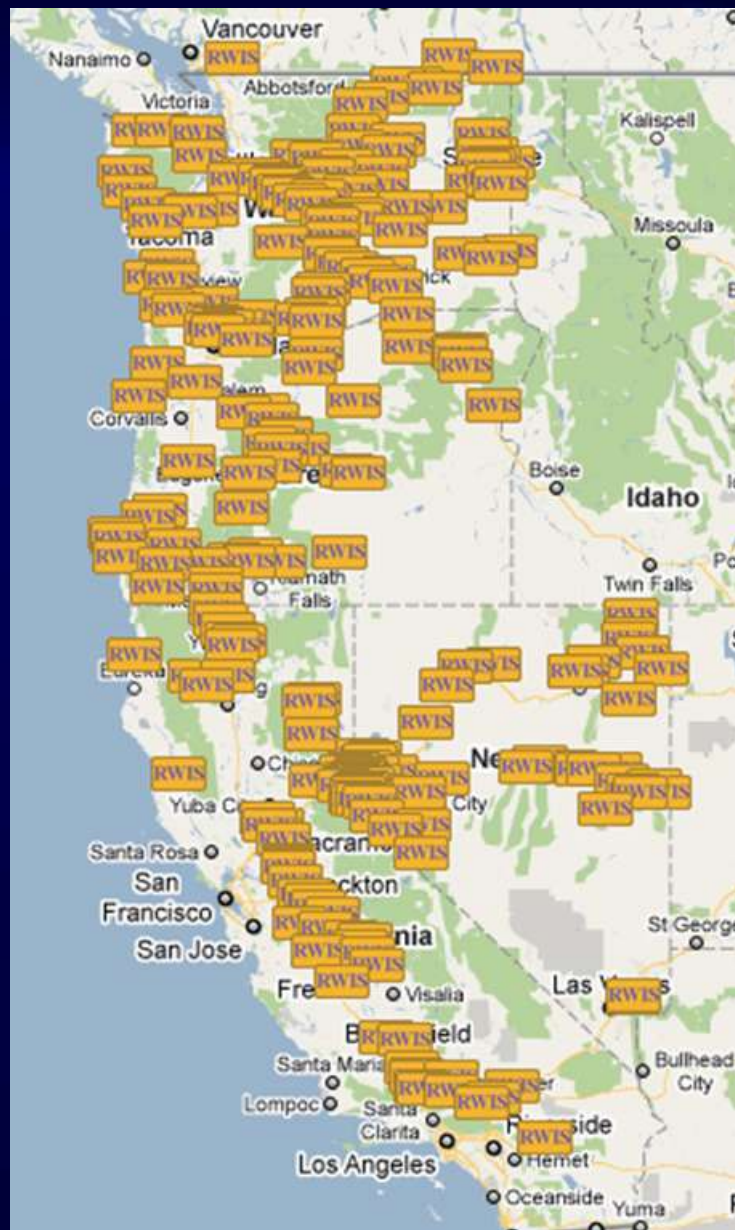
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			Chain Requirements
			Road Information
			Incidents
			CMS
			CCTV



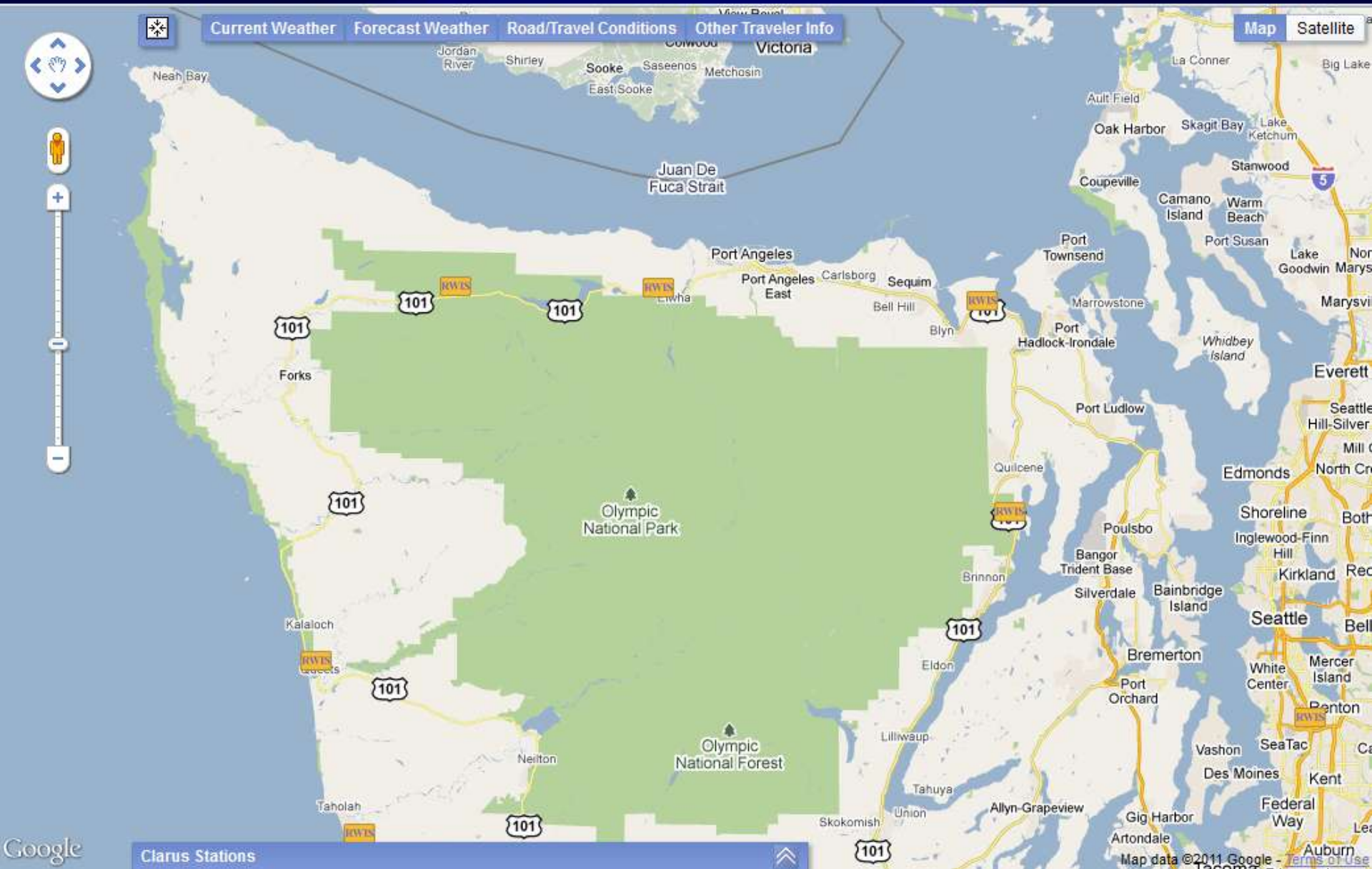
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			Rest Areas
			Features of Interest
			Truck Scales
			Summit Locations



# Clarus Data







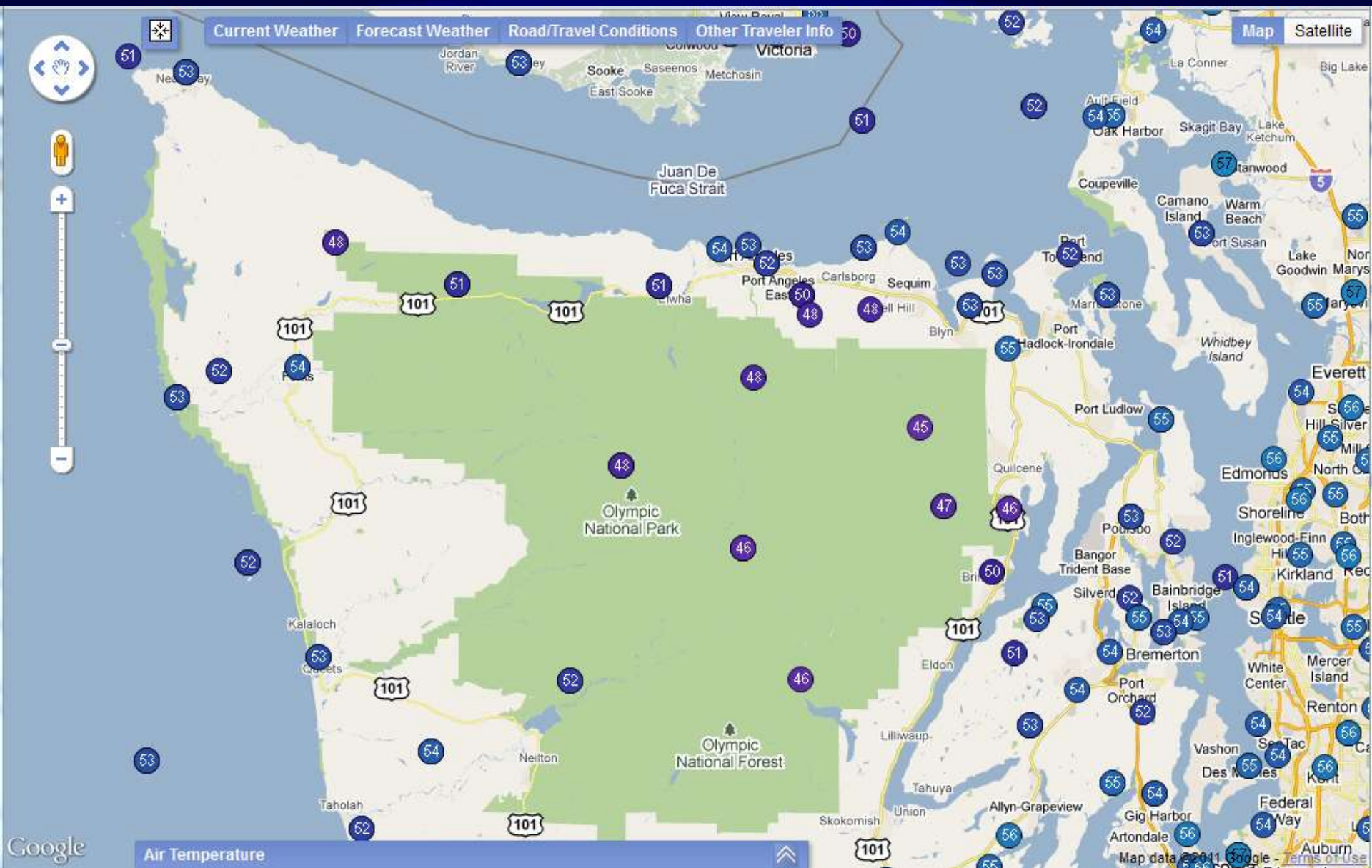
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Air Temperature



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# CCTV Images

Central Yreka



I-5 at Exit 6 Near Siskiyou Summit

I-5 at Exit 6 Near Siskiyou Summit

Updated: Jun 09 2011 8:05 AM

Looking North



Elevation 4100

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Milepost 5.00

Temperature 51.1F

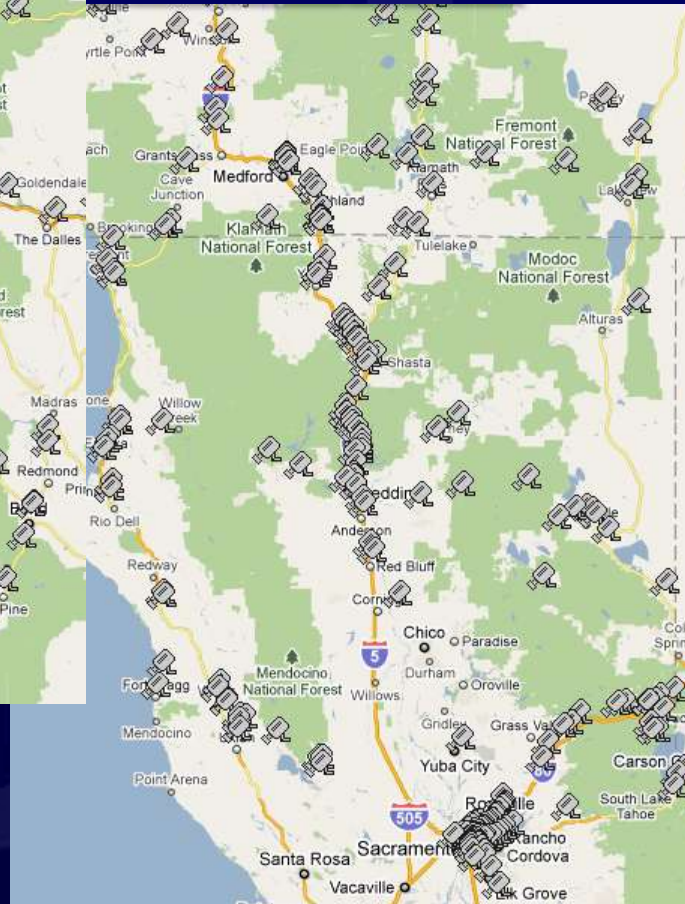
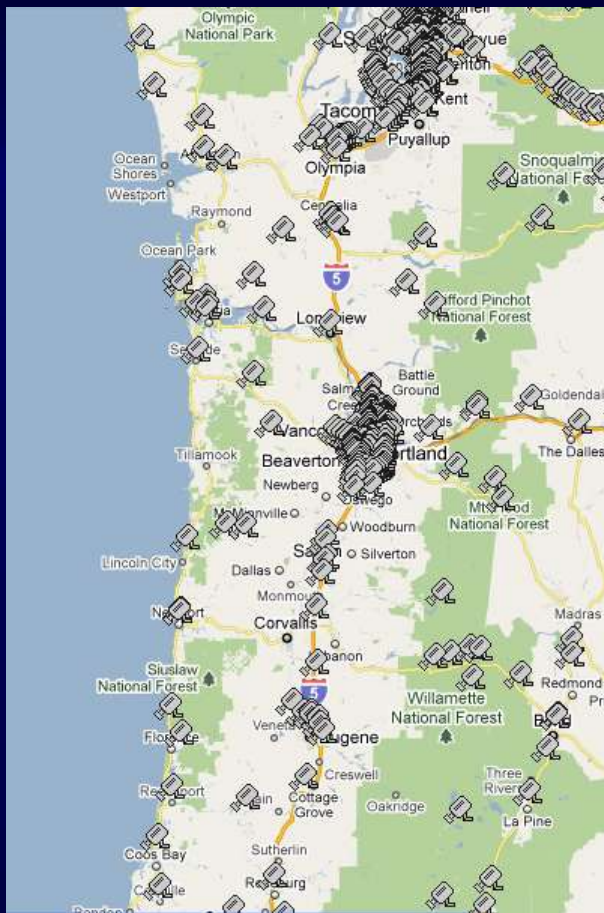
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# Route Coverage: Los Angeles to Seattle







## CCTV Images convey a lot of information ...





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# CMS



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CMS



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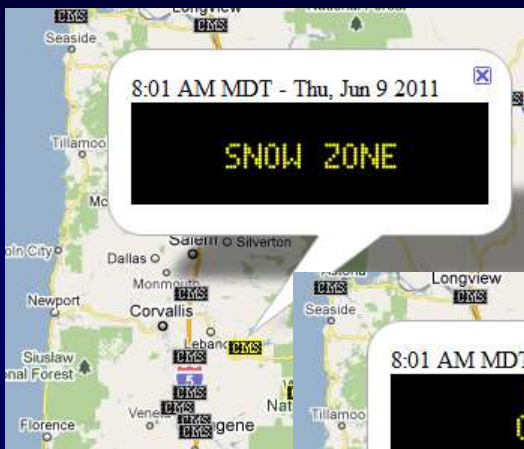
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# "Road Information"

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Road Information

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### HATCHERY CREEK RD

Updated: 5:17 PM MDT - Mon, Jun 6 2011

Type: Construction

Route: 002

Milepost: 91.00

Description: On US 2, west of Leavenworth in Tumwater Canyon Wednesday and Thursday ONLY from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Wednesday and 7 a.m. to noon, on Thursday, expect up to 20 minute delays with single lane flagger controlled traffic while WSDOT Geotech Engineers measure the slope for the steel netting that will be hung when these slopes are stabilized later this summer.

Advice:

### UMPQUA

Updated: 8:05 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

Type: Maintenance Work

Route: ORE38

Milepost: 18

Severity: Estimated delay under 20 minutes

Description: Traffic control with flaggers for brush cutting crew.

Advice:

### Junction w/Route 395 to End of Pavement

Updated: 8:01 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

Type: Highway Construction

Route: 270

Milepost: 0

Description: Estimated delay: 20

Advice:

### None

Updated: 8:42 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

Type: Lane Closure

Route: 090

Milepost: 111.00

Description: Lane Closure for maintenance work on I-90 west bound between milepost 111 to milepost 110 beginning at 7:40 AM on June 09, 2011 until 3:11 AM.

Advice:

### PACIFIC

Updated: 8:00 PM MDT - Wed, Jun 8 2011

Type: Commercial Vehicle Information

Route: I-5

Milepost: 0

Severity: Informational only

Description: Effective May 24, 2011, this section of I-5 will be restricted to 16 feet 00 in. in width between the hours of 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM (DAYTIME). Estimated date of completion is June 30, 2011.

Advice:

### THE DALLES-CALIFORNIA

Updated: 11:46 AM MDT - Tue, Jun 7 2011

Type: Information

Route: US97

Milepost: 68.9

Severity: Informational only

Description: Cow Canyon Rest Area closed for construction 3/7/11 through 6/25/11.

Advice:



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### NB I5 JSO NORTH ST ON OFF RAMP

Time: 7:29 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

#### Detail:

8:29AM : 1039 PREMIER

7:15AM : VEH ENTERED SVS //FCN/5431116000994 //TC

6:57AM : 1039 CALTRANS

6:57AM : INFO FOR CALTRANS: APX 10 OF GUARDRAIL DAMAGE / END OF GUA

6:54AM : A/C HAS 15 MIN ETA

6:47AM : 1039 SHASCOM / WILL INQ W/ SGT AND ADVISE

6:46AM : PLS ROLL A/C FOR 1 PUPPY/ BOTH OCCUPANTS WILL BE TRANSPORT

6:38AM : 1039 PREMIER TOW

6:38AM : ROLL 1185

6:31AM : VEH IN DITCH ON E/SIDE OF RDWY

6:31AM : 1039 SHA CALFIRE

6:30AM : 1039 SHASCOM

6:30AM : JUST SAW SMOKE AND PEOPLE RUNNING ALSO SAW SKID MARKS

6:29AM : SOLO VEH OFF THE RD

### NB SR99 AT PAIGE AV

Time: 10:33 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

#### Detail:

9:33AM : WHI BIG RIG, WITH LG LOAD

9:33AM : BIG RIG HAULING LANDSCAPING ROCK, IS TILTED OVER TO 1 SIDE READY TO FALL

### WB I10 AT SR177

Time: 11:02 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

#### Detail:

10:02AM : ETA TO OPEN, 1400

10:02AM : AND OFR

10:02AM : CT HAS ONR CLOSED

10:03AM : CHP Unit On Scene

### NECANICUM

Time: 12:43 PM MDT - Mon, May 23 2011

Route: ORE53

Milepost: 11.25

Type: Crash/Hazard

Severity: Estimated delay under 20 minutes

#### Detail:

The road surface has collapsed, use caution.

Advice:

### PACIFIC

Time: 5:46 PM MDT - Wed, Jun 8 2011

Route: I-5

Milepost: 175.4

Type: Crash/Hazard

Severity: Estimated delay under 20 minutes

#### Detail:

A crash has occurred, use caution.

Advice:

### SR14 AT CALIFORNIA CITY BLVD

Time: 10:30 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

#### Detail:

9:32AM : 59-1 WILL CHECK LOG 457 FIRST THEN THIS LOG

9:30AM : GOAT OR A SHEEP WALKING IN THE RDWY

9:41AM : CHP Unit Assigned

### SB I5 JNO CAMINO CAPISTRANO

Time: 9:39 AM MDT - Thu, Jun 9 2011

#### Detail:

8:55AM : ALL LANES WILL BE OPEN SHORTLY

8:55AM : PER 57, FSP CLEARING EVERYTHING TO THE RS

8:53AM : 1039 S&K

8:51AM : #4 IS BLOCKED

8:50AM : FSP 97 W/ BLK TOYT PK - JNO CAM CAP - FIRE 97

8:44AM : PART BLKG SLOW LN

8:41AM : 1039 STA 91

8:39AM : VEH INTO RS RAILING , BLEW A TIRE

8:50AM : CHP Unit On Scene

8:56AM : CHP Unit On Scene





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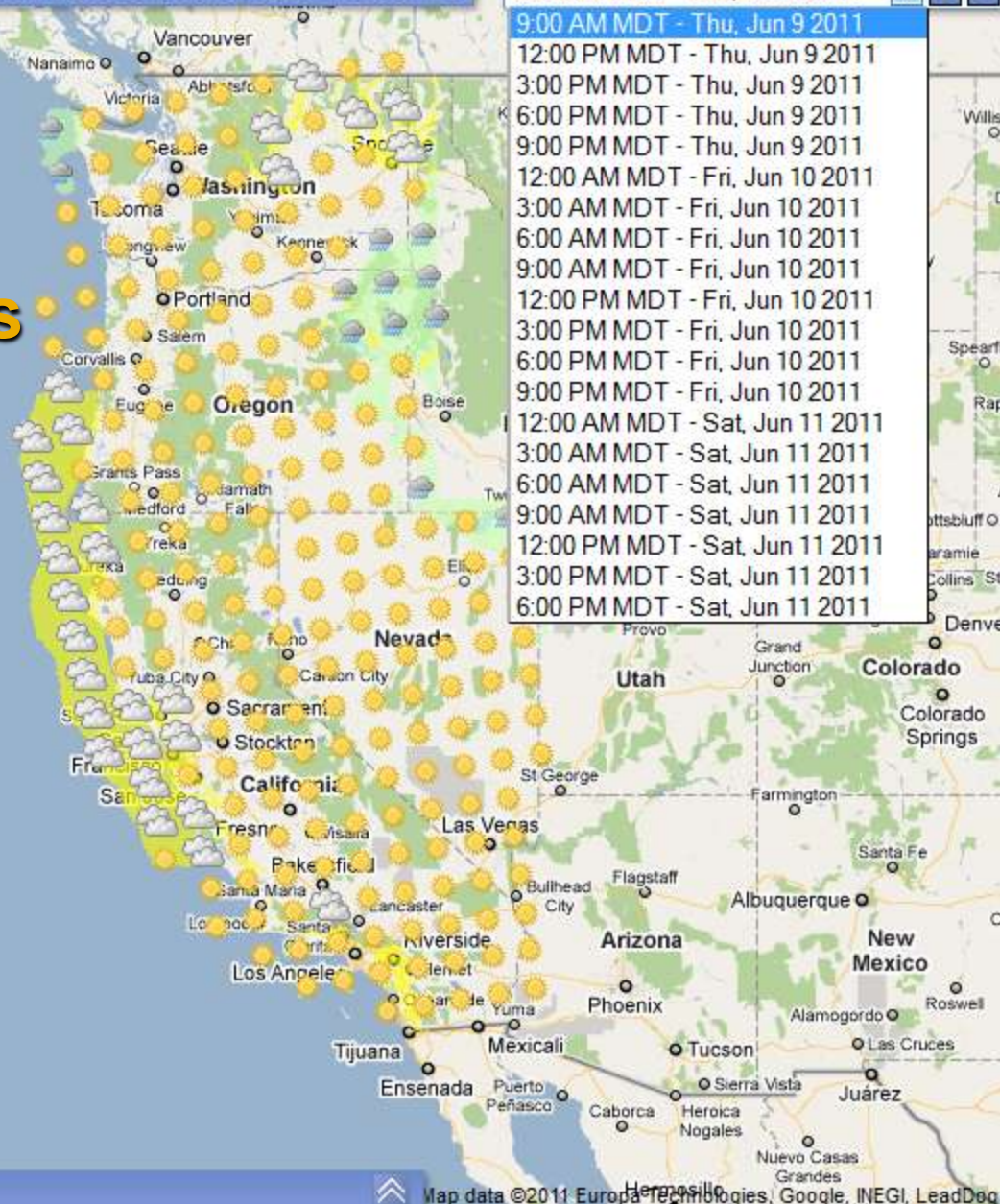
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# Weather Forecasts



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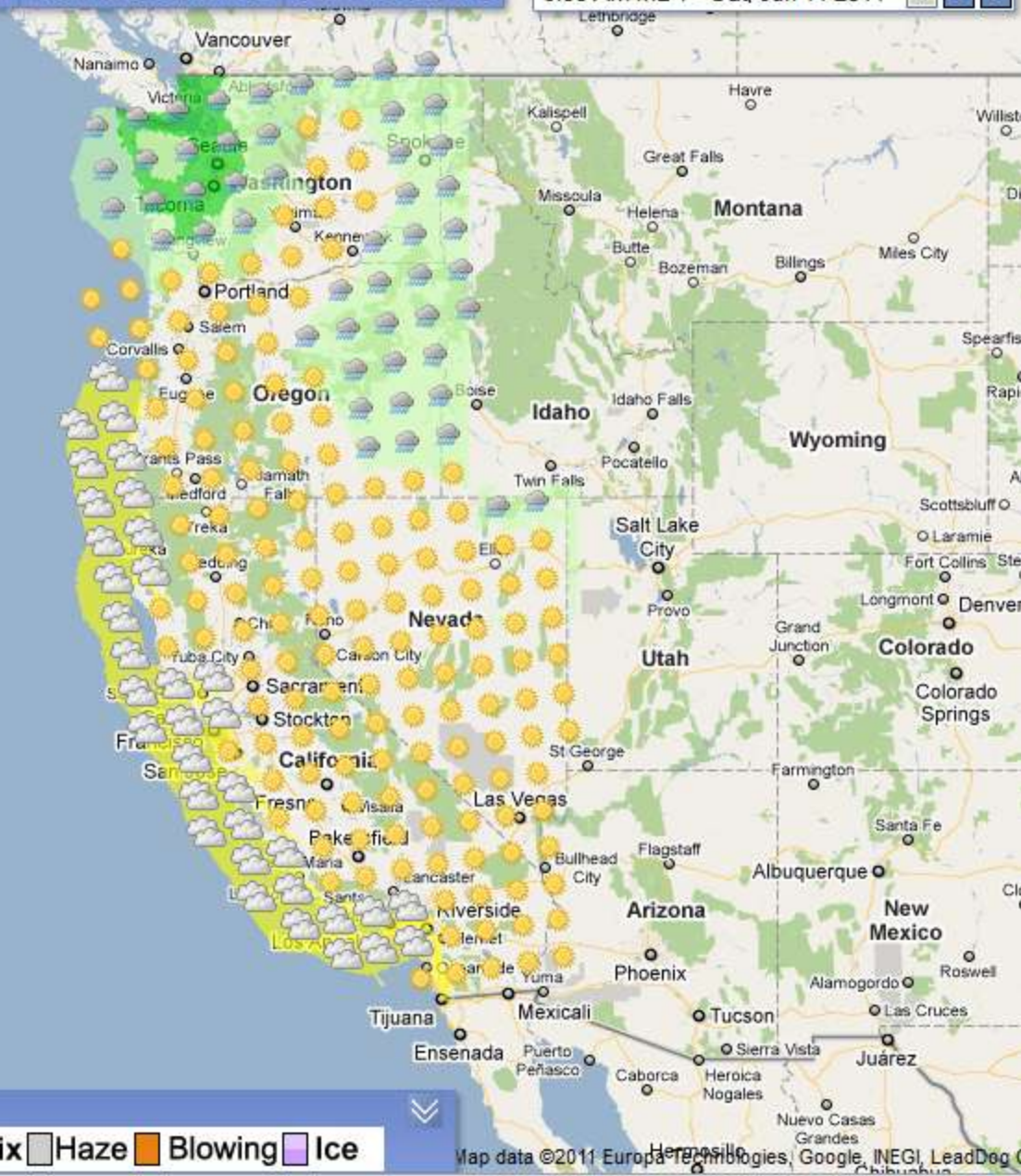
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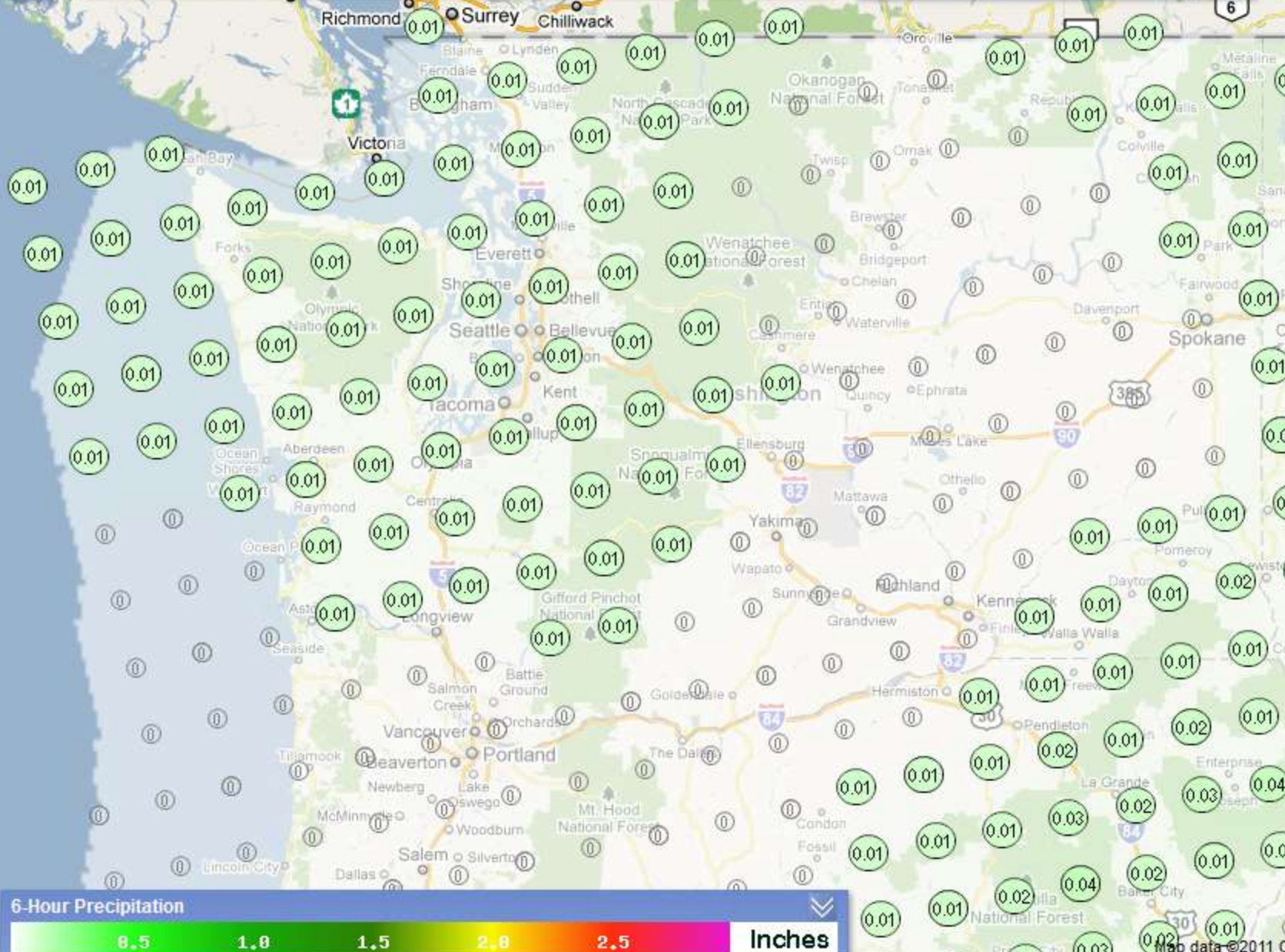
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6-Hour Precipitation



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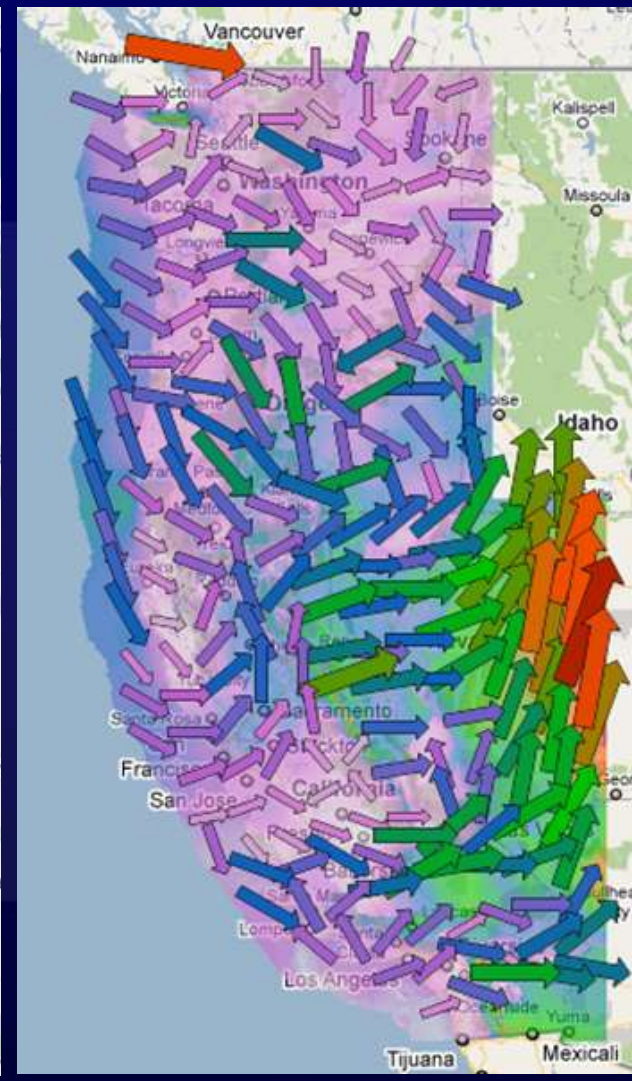
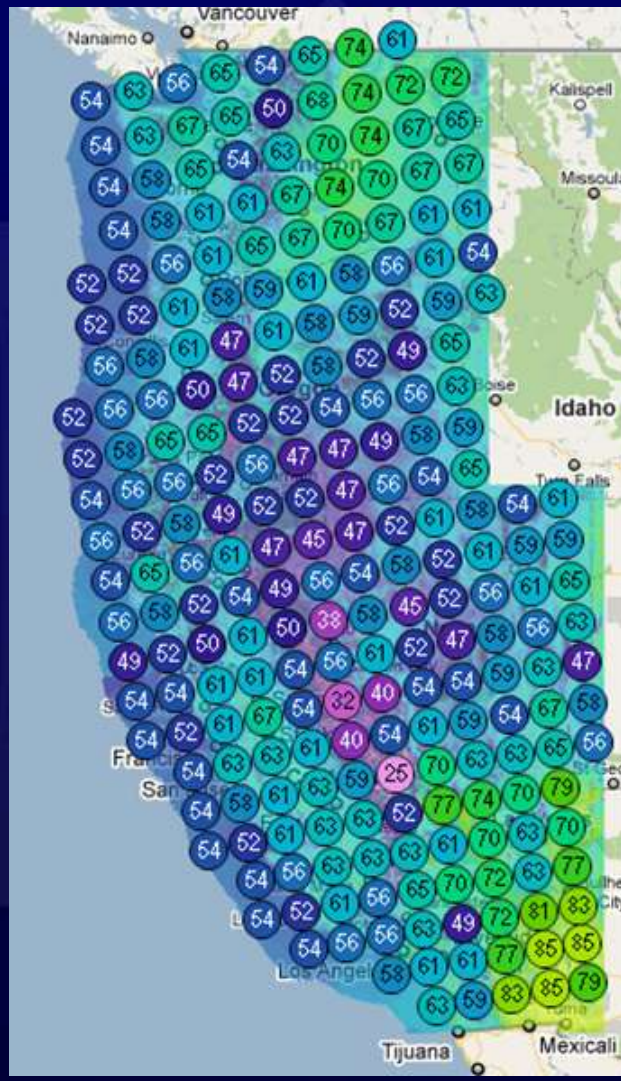
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# Information at a Glance







# Brief Live Demonstration

- If time, network, etc. allow ...



# Tasks and Deliverables

Contract Start = 9/24/2010

Actual Start = 11/1/2010

End=9/23/2011

	project month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
System Concept													
• Concept Report		D✓											
Requirements													
• Technical Memorandum – Requirements			D✓										
Design and Development													
• Technical Memorandum – System Design				D✓									
• Technical Memorandum – System Documentation									D				
• Completed System									D				
• User Guide									D				
Evaluation/User Survey													
• Survey Instrument										D			
• Final Report											D	↩	D

Duration = 12 months

Amount of Award = \$79,995

# Year 1 Incubators

# Year One Projects

- Survey of Western State Safety Warning Devices
- Regional Integrated Corridor Management Planning
- Status – Startup pending contract execution, anticipated June/July
- Workplans finalized

# Survey of Safety Warning Devices

- Synthesis of existing safety warning devices in the western U.S.
- Contact entities to obtain specific information of interest
  - Identify location of existing deployments, their function/purpose, and other info

# Survey of Safety Warning Devices

- Approach
  - Identify devices of interest and develop questionnaire
    - Work in conjunction with WSRTC members
  - Identify and contact agencies/staff
    - Personal contact via telephone calls
  - Summarize data and produce report
  - 12 month timeline

# Regional ICM Planning

- Revised based on steering comm. Feedback at November meeting
- Establish guidance and criteria to initiate, plan and develop rural ICM plans
  - Define what rural ICM is and establish factors to consider
- Apply results of USDOT Integrated Corridor Management initiative to the rural environment



# Regional ICM Planning

- Approach
  - Literature review
  - Document current ICM planning protocols
    - i.e. USDOT ICM initiative
  - Document current emergency operations center protocols
    - i.e. what are WSRTC agencies doing
  - Develop rural ICM planning protocols/process
    - Solicit Steering Comm. feedback on candidate test route(s)





# Regional ICM Planning

- Approach cont'd
  - Route inventory for selected route(s)
  - Apply developed criteria to study route(s)
  - Final report
- Timeline – 12 months

# COATS Phase 4 Project Updates

- Rural Deployment Assistance
- Fredonyer Pass Icy Curve Warning System (ICWS)

# **Rural Deployment Assistance:**

## ***Analysis and Recommendations for Optimization and Deployment of WeatherShare and Related Web-Based Projects***



# Multiple Projects on a Similar Platform

- WeatherShare
- Integrated Corridor Management Clearinghouse (ICM)
- Caltrans One Stop Shop for Traveler Information
- Integration of Aviation Automated Weather Observation Systems (AWOS) with Roadside Weather Information Systems (RWIS)
- Clarus One Stop Shop
- WSRTC One Stop Shop (Phase 2)

# Challenges

- Still in research and development mode – need to move to production
- Fragmented code-base with a lot of redundant code, data, etc.
- Non-optimal code
- Lack of scalability
- Poor logging/tracking – made analysis difficult.
- Hard to characterize use – seasonal components, mixed user types, etc.
- Use has been relatively limited
- Need to plan for expanded coverage area
- Hosted at Montana State University





# Analysis

- System Performance
  - Networking (incoming and outgoing)
  - Storage
  - CPU
  - Memory
- Implementation
  - Software
  - Database
  - Documentation
  - Support

# Hosting Alternatives

- Dedicated Server
- Dynamic Cloud Server
- Elastic Cloud Server



# Recommendations

- Implement optimizations such as server-side compression of text files
- Determine whether or not archiving is necessary
- Re-factor code
- Put greater emphasis on system documentation, on-going support, maintenance, re-use and scalability
- Investigate hosting options further, particularly “elastic” options – dynamic expansion

# Fredonyer Pass Icy Curve Warning System

# Fredonyer ICWS

- Project objective: evaluate the operational, safety and maintenance aspects of the ICWS
- Status: Revising analysis to incorporate chain control data and finishing report
- Preliminary results: indicate system appears to have reduced crashes and lowered speeds



# Fredonyer ICWS

- Tasks:
  - Literature review update
  - Analysis of radar speed data
  - Analysis of crash data
  - Document maintenance aspects

# Fredonyer ICWS Crash Analysis

- Examine crash data and trends before and after the deployment of ICWS
- Used observational before-after study method employing the Empirical Bayes technique
  - Addresses concerns such as regression to the mean, changes in traffic flow, and other factors
  - Used 4.5 years of before data (January 1, 1998 – June 30, 2002) and 1.5 years of after data (July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009)

# Fredonyer ICWS Crash Analysis

- Results
  - Calculating the index of effectiveness ( $\theta$ ), ICWS reduced crashes by 18% during after period (annual)
    - Assumption that changes in crashes attributed to presence of the ICWS, as no other geometric or safety improvements were made during the study period
    - Ongoing work examining chain control status and crashes has indicated that only two crashes occurred shortly before R-1 chain control implemented (data available from 2008-2009)



# Fredonyer ICWS Crash Analysis

- Observed crash rates by severity also improved

Study Period	Crash Rate (ice-related crashes per winter season)				
	Total	PDO	Injury	Fatality	Fatality + Injury (F+I)
Before	8.38	5.51	2.42	0.44	2.86
After	6.67	4.00	2.67	0	2.67

- Indicates that vehicles may be traveling slower = lower severity
- Based on these improvements, estimated safety benefit of \$1.7 million

# Fredonyer ICWS Speed Analysis

- T-tests employed to determine statistical significance between speeds
- Speeds differences of 0 mph, 3 mph and 5 mph examined
- Speeds evaluated for system state (on/off), day/night and weather

# Fredonyer ICWS Speed Analysis

- System state
  - Speeds were significantly lower at 0 mph, 3 mph and 5 mph when system was on
- Day/Night
  - Speeds were significantly lower at 0 mph, 3 mph and 5 mph when system was on during both day and night



# Fredonyer ICWS Speed Analysis

- Weather
  - Speeds were significantly lower at 0 mph, 3 mph and 5 mph when system was on during both day and night
  - Day - mean speeds fell between 6.20 mph and 10.73
  - Night - mean speeds fell between 10.34 mph and 16.14 mph

# Fredonyer ICWS Speed Analysis

- Clear Cold Dry/Not Dry
  - Mean speeds different at 0 mph during day and night when signs on
  - Mean speeds different at 3 mph during day and night when signs on
  - Only limited number of mean speed differences greater than 5 mph
  - Appears ICWS prompts approximately 3 mph speed reductions when icy roads are not necessarily expected

# Fredonyer ICWS Conclusions

- Crashes – initial results indicate that crashes have been reduced by approximately 18%
  - Only evaluated 1 ½ years of “after” data
- Speeds – system appears to reduce speeds by approximately 3 mph during clear, cold and not dry conditions
  - Results pertain to sites prior to curves; greater reductions are possible/hypothesized as vehicles traverse curves



# Discussion

# Items

- Upcoming meetings
  - Next Consortium meeting – August at NRITS in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
    - Scheduled for Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 PDT
  - November Steering Committee Meeting – tentatively scheduled for November 8, 2011 in Yreka

# Wrap-up