

Snow Operations in Colorado DOT

Prior to July 1, 2013, R4 at a glance

- How many maintenance people report to work orders? 224 people report to work orders
- How many patrols do we have? 40 Patrols, 36 Maintenance and 4 Rest areas
- How many lane miles are we responsible for? 7212.15 lane miles and 368.47 lane miles under city contracts
- How many plow trucks do we have? 171= 80 midranges / 77 tandems / 6 6X6 tandems / 4 4X4 2 to 3 ton / and 4 5 to 7 ton
- How many loaders do we have? 45= 7-1 to 2 yard / 28 2 to 3 yard / 6 over 3 yard / and 4 under 1 yard
- How many graders do we hav?. 16= 8 under 31,000 LB / 8 over 31,000 LB

Non invasive sensors

Sensor use in Colorado

Today we will discuss

- •What R-4 CDOT uses
- •Where R-4 CDOT uses it and
- •How R-4 CDOT uses it

DSC111 Spectro and DST111 Cyclo





What information is available?

- •Road Condition (Dry, Moist, Wet, Snow, Ice)
- •Surface Temperature
- •Grip (Slipperiness)
- Dew Point Temperature
- Air Temperature
- Humidity
- •Layer Thicknesses

Water

Ice

Slush

Snow or Frost



Upgrading I-25 sites for research on LOS

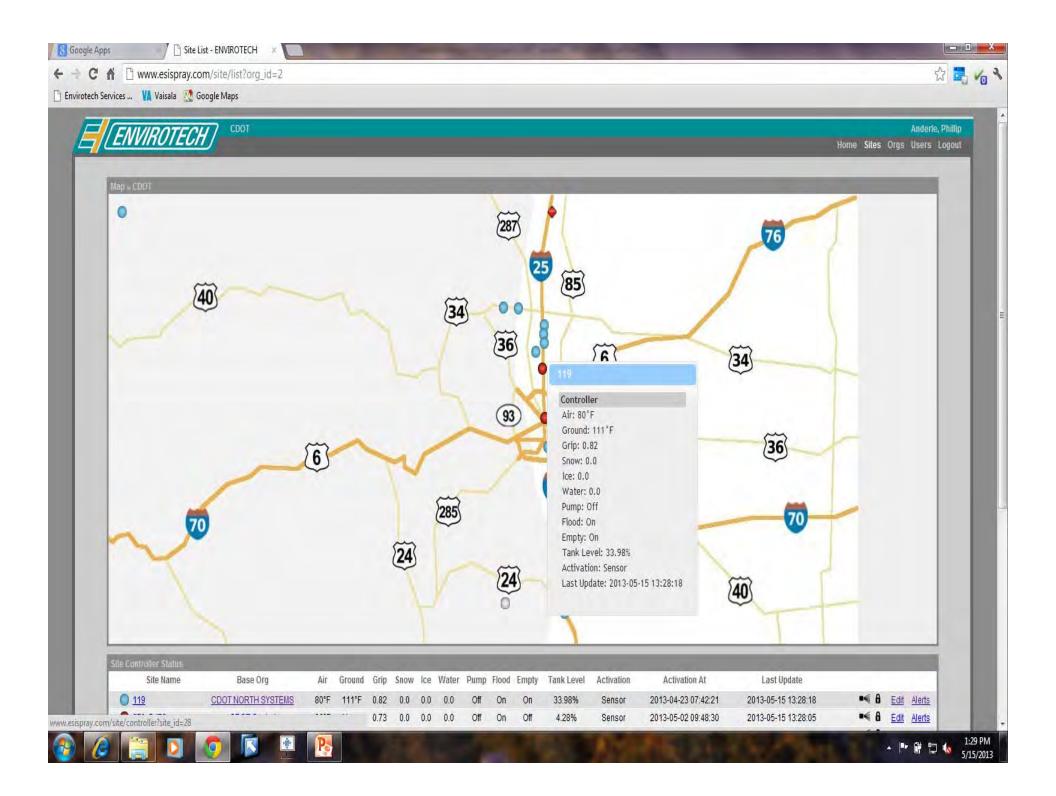


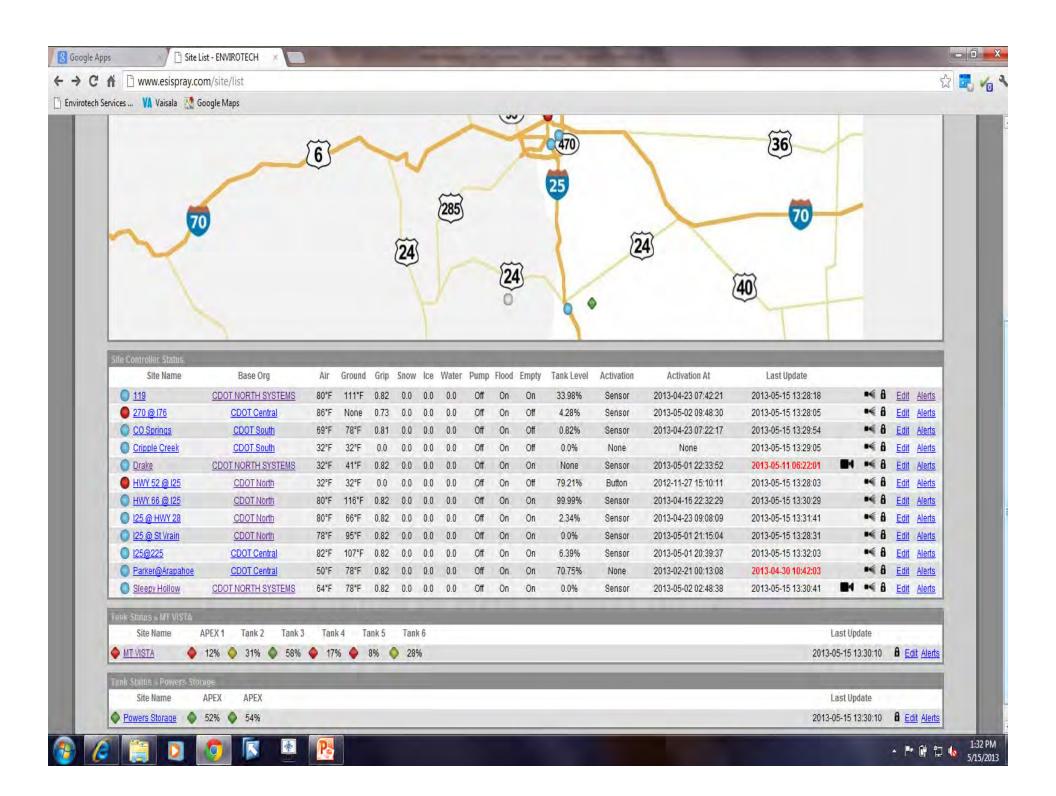
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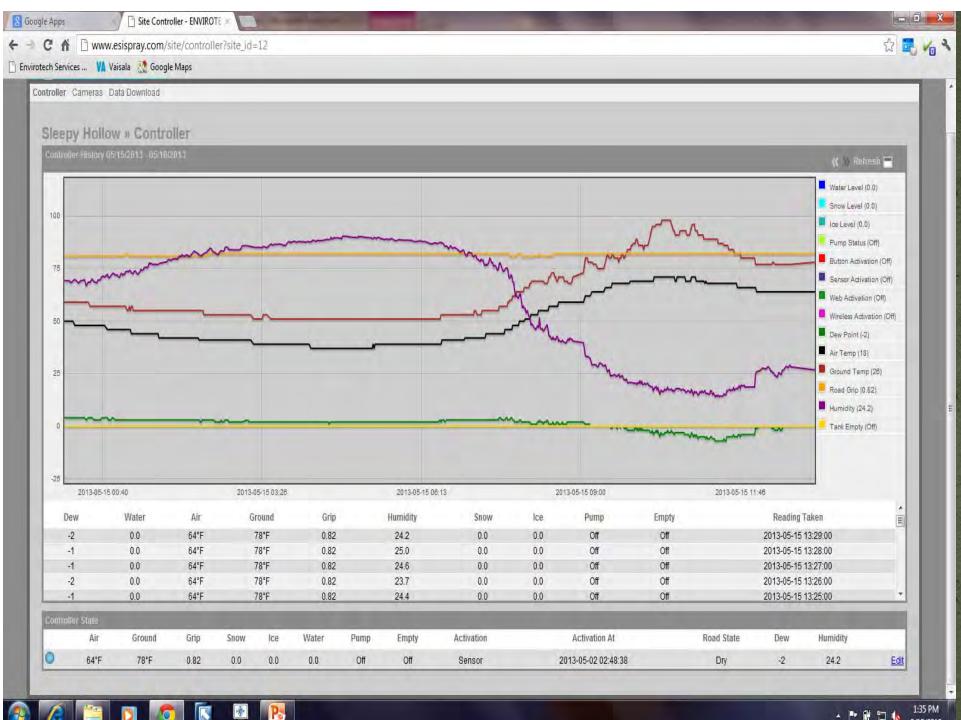


Configuration

- 35 degree lock out
- Friction at or below .5
- and/or .3 mm of snow or ice layer build up on the surface of the road
- 20 minute interval before it fires again if the same condition exists
- At Victorville we have this cycle 5 times before going to sleep and resetting after normal conditions return.















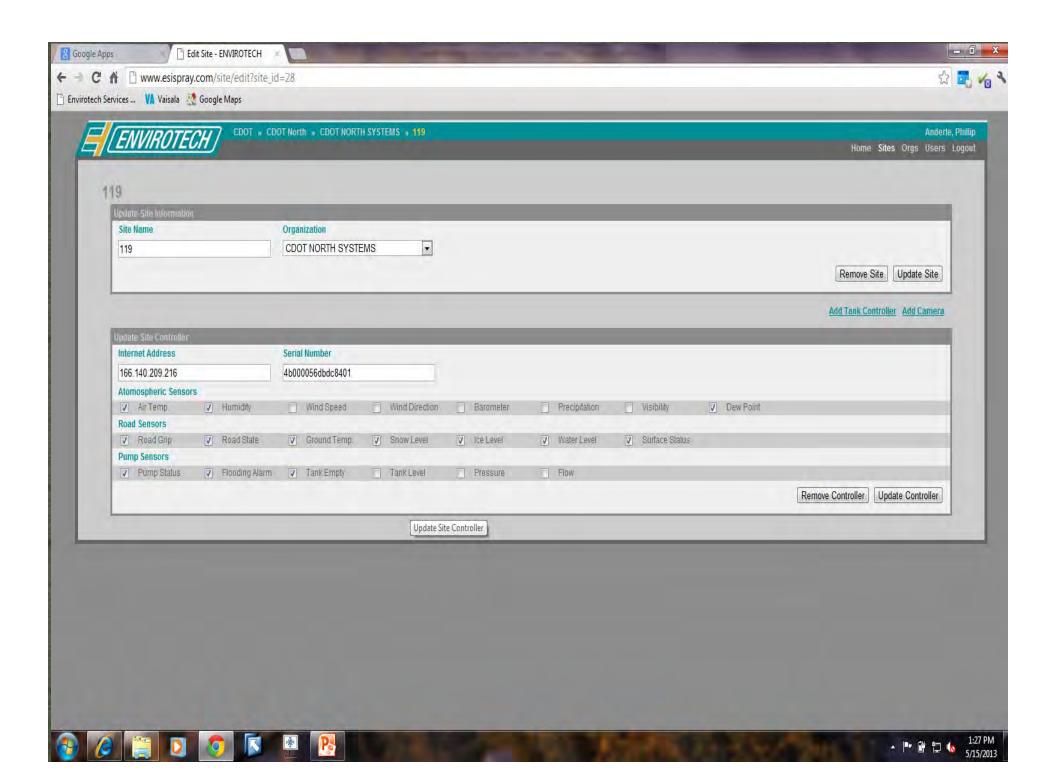




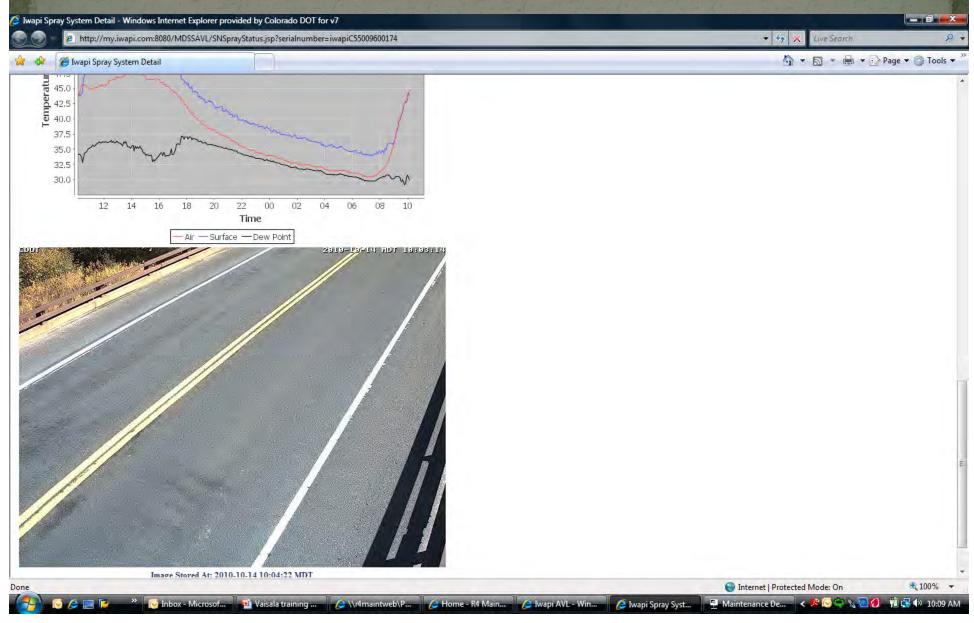








Camera image



I-25 over St. Vrain River



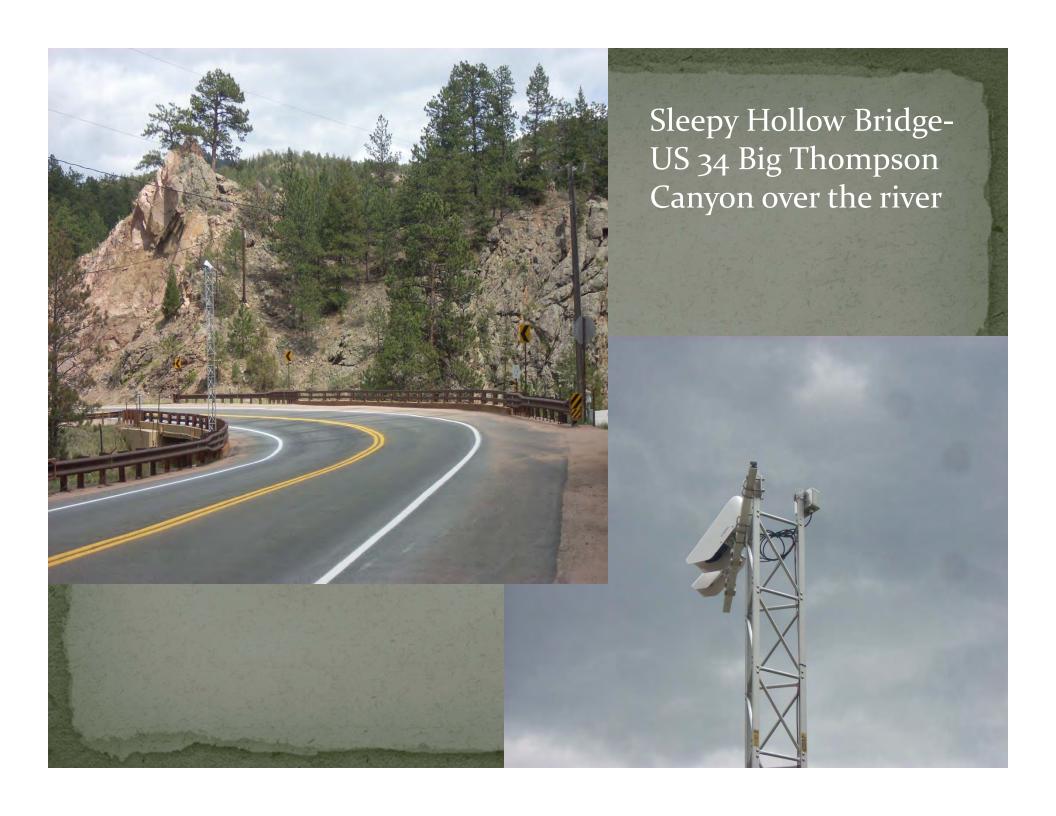
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119 Crossing the Saint Vrain River



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Materials use in R4

- Mag Chloride- \$.64 per gallon
- Cold Temp Mag Chloride- \$.73 per gallon
- Ice Slicer/Sand mix 7%- up to \$32.00 per ton
- Wet sand at 4 gallons of thick cold temp mag per ton- as low as \$10.37 per ton
- Ice Slicer- up to \$119.75 per ton

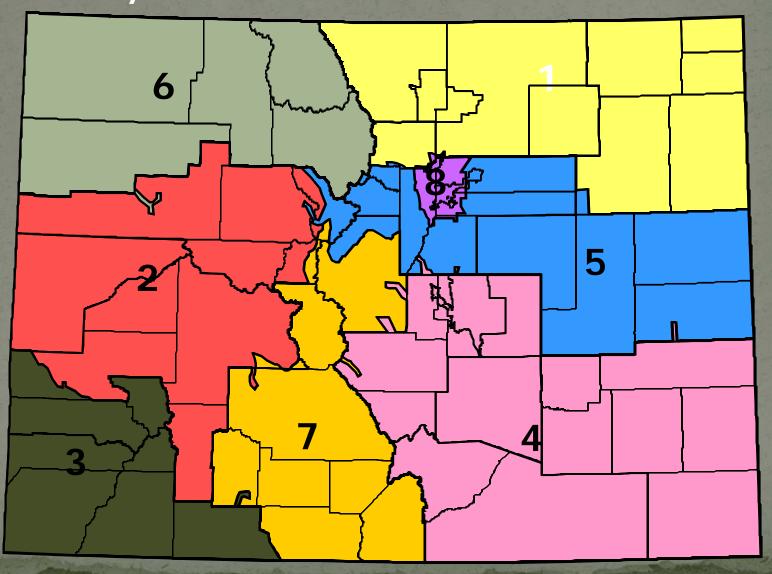
MDSS saves money and materials

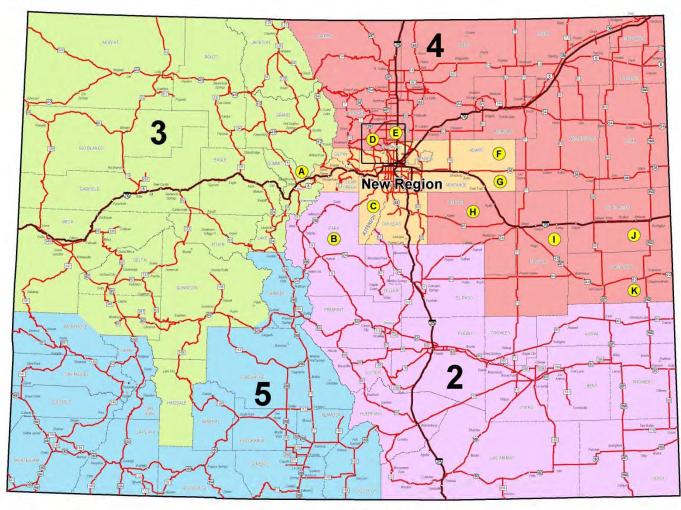
- F. Before and After MDSS (1).xlsx
- 3 year average before MDSS \$5,321,000
- 3 year average after MDSS \$4,300,000
- 3 year average before MDSS on materials \$259,000
- 3 year average after MDSS on materials \$233,000
- 3 year average before MDSS for equipment \$1,046,000
- 3 year average after MDSS for equipment \$938,000

Research Projects

- Thermal mapping
- Route Optimization
- Traffic patterns related to snow removal efforts
- Friction as a Levels of Service measurement (ITD)
- Product comparison using friction readings
- Living snow fence
- Cost benefit on FAST sites
 - For completed research findings, visit:

CDOT Maintenance Sections pre July 2013





- A Summit County moves from Region 1 to Region 3. Eisenhower/Johnson Tunnel is entirely in New Region.
- B All engineering and maintenance of Park County to Region 2.
- C All of Jefferson County will be in New Region.

- All of Boulder County will be in Region 4, with the exception of the US 36 corridor (south of Baseline Rd.) which will move to New Region.
- (E) Majority of Broomfield County in New Region with the exception of a small portion north of SH 7 (see inset) remains in Region 4.
- F All of Adams County will be in New Region.

- G All of Arapahoe County will be in New Region.
- (H) All of Elbert County will move from Region 1 to Region 4.
- All of Lincoln County will move from Region 1 to Region 4.

CDOT Proposed Engineering Regions



Interstate Highways
U.S. Highways
State Highways
County Seat
Cities and Towns

Boulder/Broomfield North Denver Metro Area



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+2,115 lane miles
9,677 R4 total &
1,000 bridges

All of Cheyenne County will move from Region 1 to Region 4.

Statewide numbers

- Center-line miles 9,161
- Lane-miles 23,106
- 3,775 Bridges
- Vehicle-miles traveled 28.6 billion
- Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) on all Colorado roads were 48.6
- billion; VMT on state highways accounts for 59% of this total.
- The interstate system accounts for 10% of the total state
- system mileage, yet 40% of all VMT takes place on the
- interstate system.
- 1,800 maintenance workers statewide
- CDOT has approximately 950 snowplows statewide. We also use Loaders, Motor graders, Dozers, Helicopters and snow blowers to help combat snow.

