

Weather Stations out West What is Wise Roads?

Monday, December 2, 2019 North Dakota Township Officers Association 53rd Annual Meeting – Bismarck, ND



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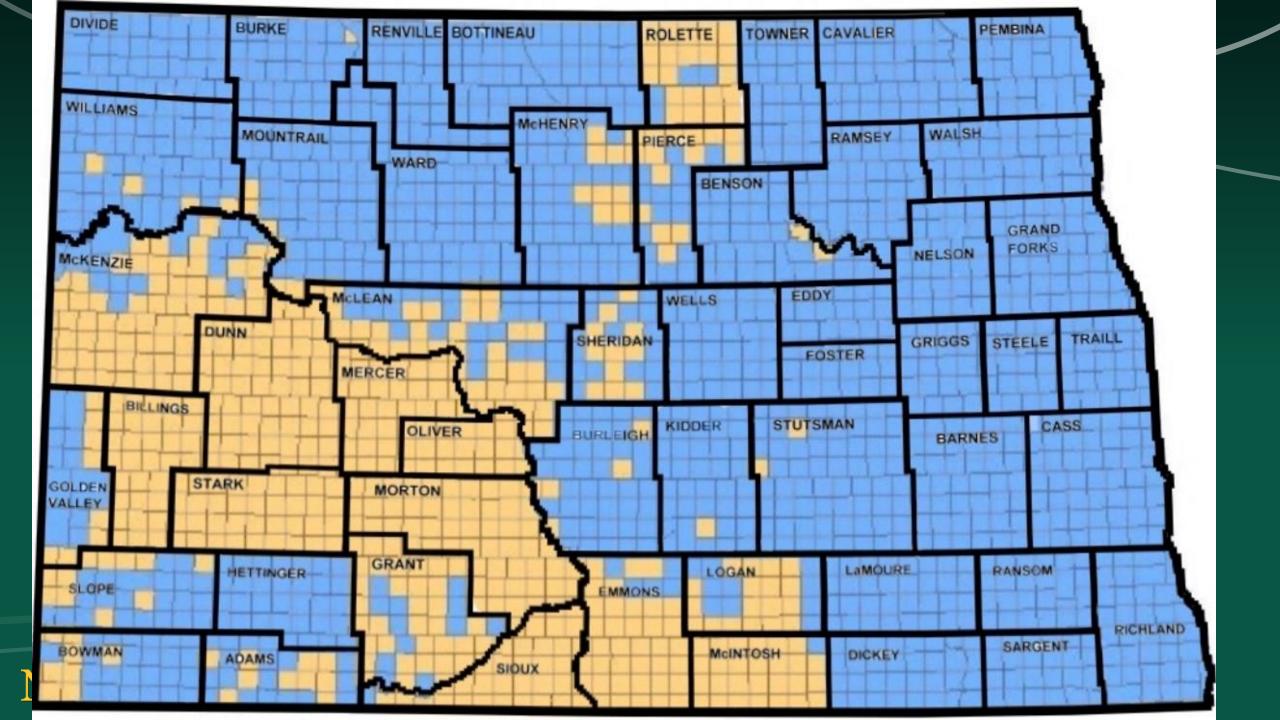






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Wise Roads

Weather Information System to Effectively Reduce Oilfield Delays and Disruption

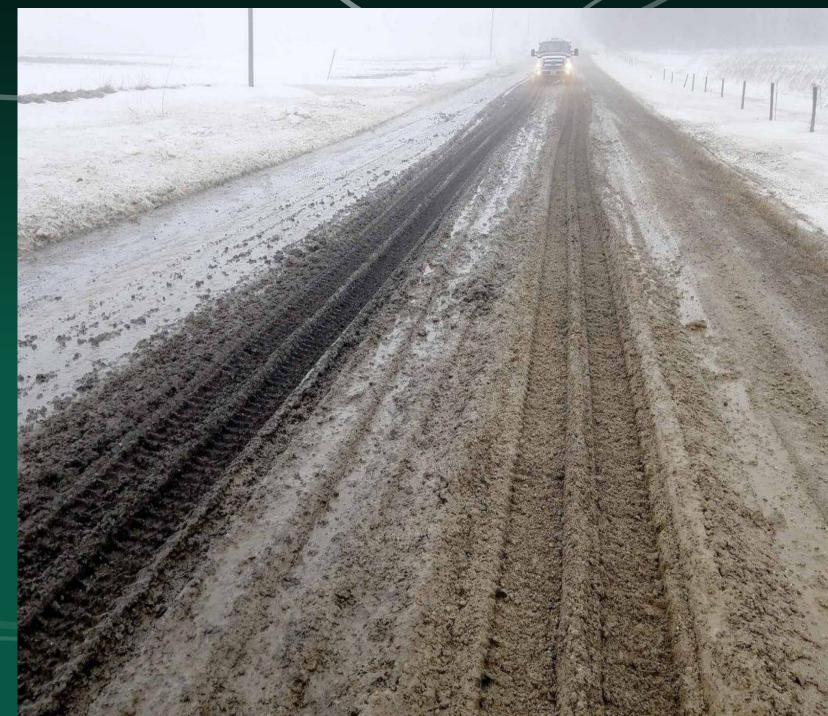






Problem:

When inclement weather strikes, local governments impose weight restrictions on gravel roads that prohibit the movement of oilfield truck traffic until road conditions improve.



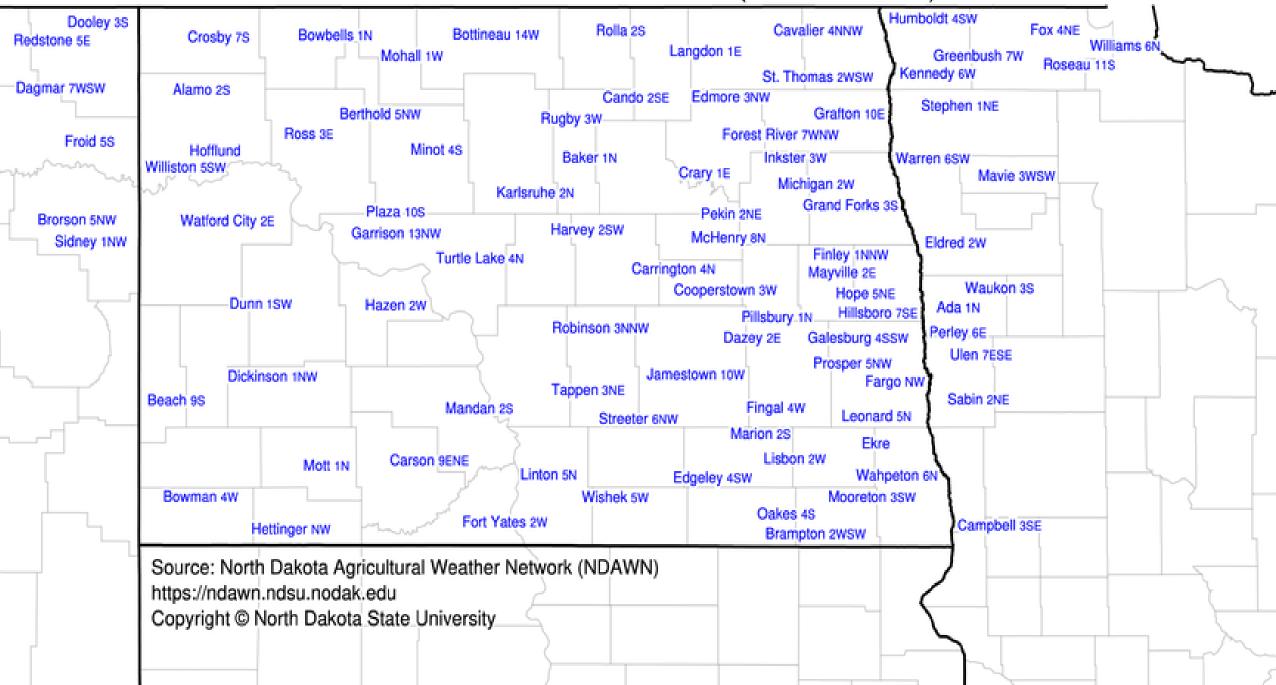
NDSU UPPER GREAT PLAINS
TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE







NDAWN Station Locations (2019–07–02)



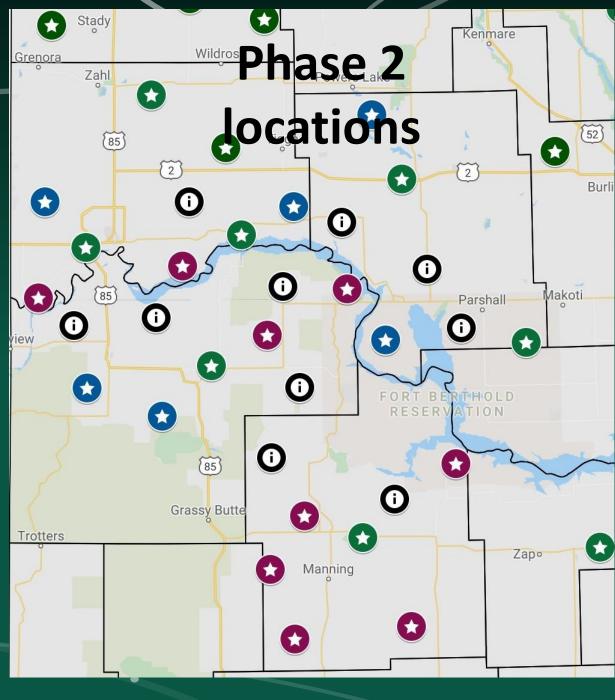










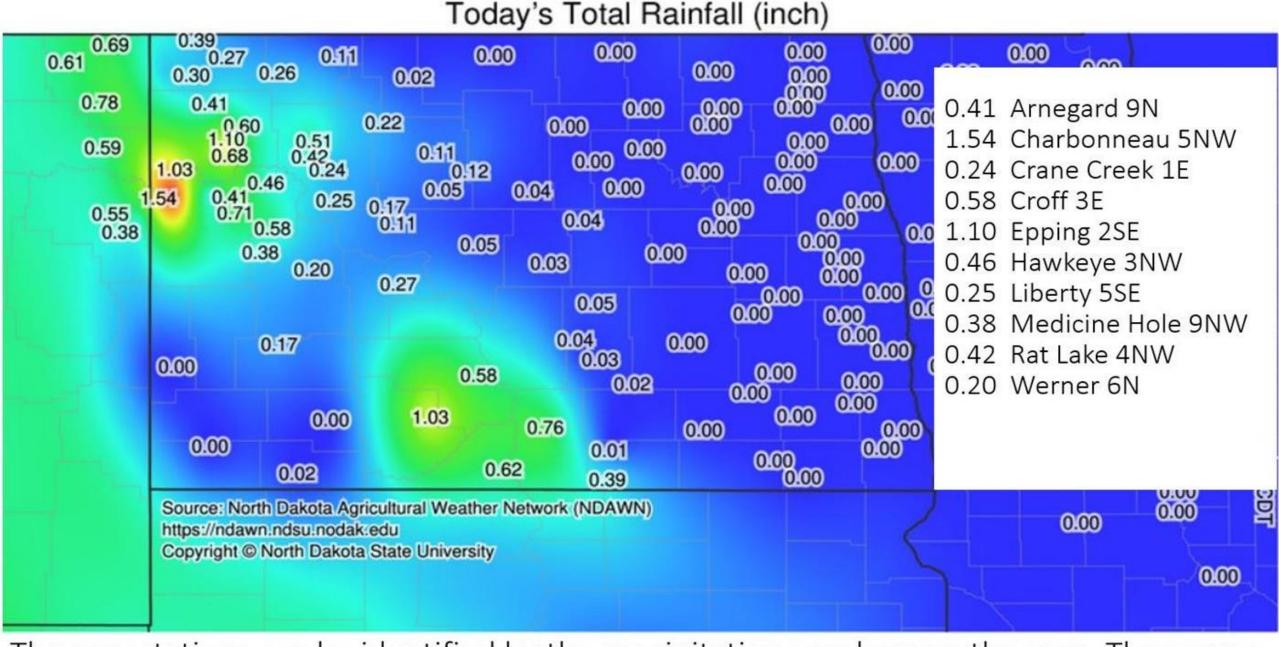












The new stations can be identified by the precipitation numbers on the map. The names are either related to a nearby community or the township in which the station is located.

WISE ROADS PROJECT

- Work with research partners to maximize benefit
- ► Install research-grade weather stations in areas with heavy oilfield traffic
- Make data publicly available through NDAWN, LoadPass and other sites
- Provide training to road managers through LTAP







EXPECTED BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT

- More narrowly defined local road restrictions and more geographic zones established
- Significant savings to oil industry thru improved productivity and reduced revenue loss due to shut-in wells
- Use of weather data for research to evaluate the performance of road building materials
- Benefits to agriculture producers, i.e., soil temperature, precipitation, wind speed, etc.

From: LoadPass Notification System

<cms@loadpasspermits.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 10:05 AM To: Geoff Simon <geoff@ndenergy.org>

Subject: Notice from Dunn: Restriction Added:

Zone 1 County Gravel roads

LoadPass Notification

The following restriction has been added:

County: Dunn

Active Date: 7/9/2019

Road: Zone 1 County Gravel roads

URL: https://permits.loadpasspermits.com/n/1613
Due to the wet conditions, we will be restricting Zone 1 to 12,000GVW at 10:00am mst until further notice. At this time all other zones will remain open. Please refer to the Zone map for location.

Load Pass Zone Map

WEATHER DATA RESOURCES

►NDAWN.ORG

NDAWN current weather webpage

▶ stationname.ndawn.org

Example: ratlake.ndawn.org

▶ Pictures.ndawn.org

Recent images from new stations

More to come in the future



NDLTAP & NDTOA Together, we do great things!



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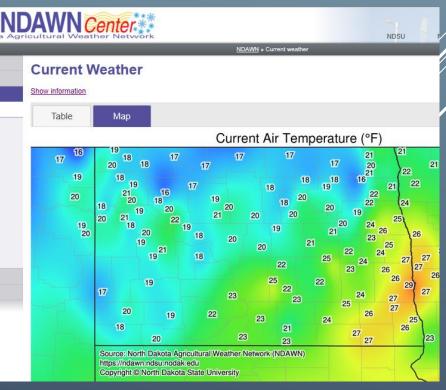
SCOPE OF WISE ROADS PROJECT

- Install up to 50 weathers stations in the oil-producing counties
- Prioritize areas with significant drilling and production activity
- Locate stations to fill gaps in existing RWIN (DOT) and NDAWN networks
- Stations will be owned by NDAWN, operational costs covered by WDEA



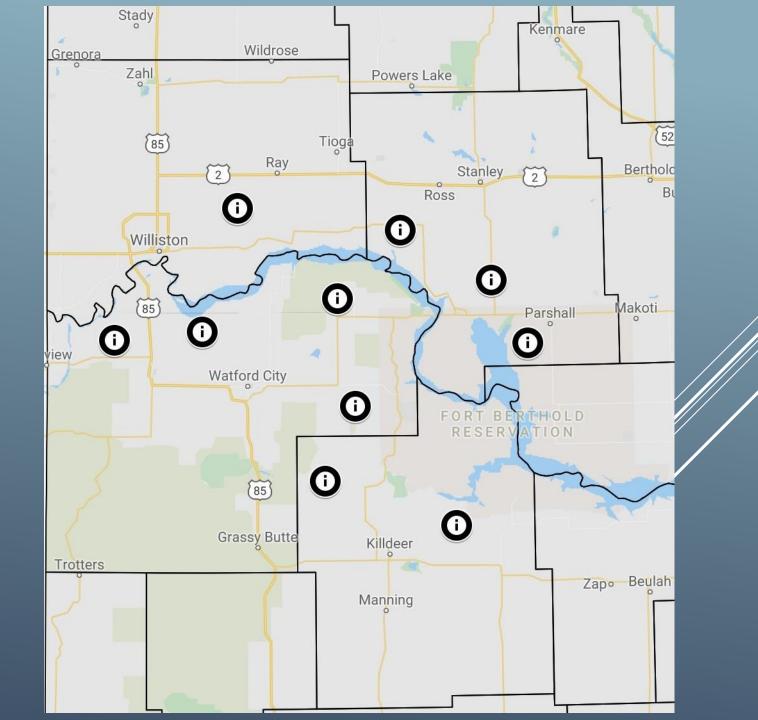
EXPECTATIONS OF THE PROJECT

- ► County Road Departments utilize the weather data to determine the area of impact for closures
- County Road Departments use weather station locations to create/modify road "zones" for issuing restrictions
- ▶ Forecast and weather accessible from:
 - ▶ Ndenergy.org and LoadPassPermits.com
 - ► NDAWN (ndawn.ndsu.nodak.edu)
 - ► County Websites



PHASE 1 LOCATIONS

Installed Summer 2019

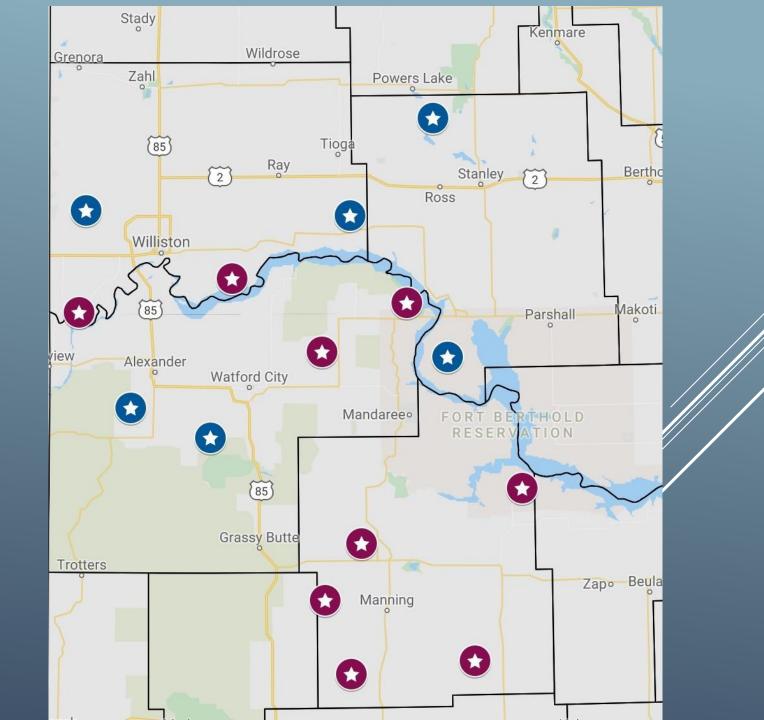


PHASE 2 LOCATIONS

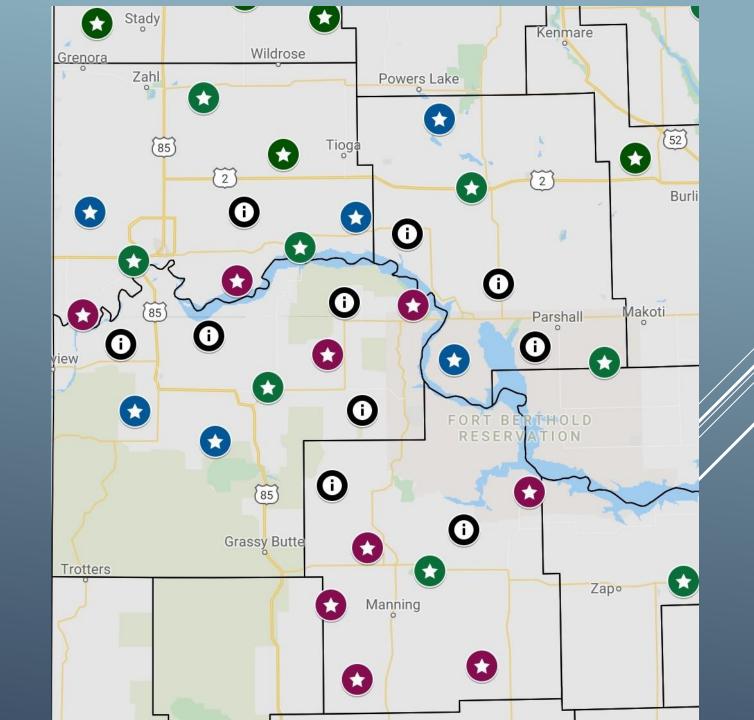
Installation In Process

Blue Locations Installed

Locations Approximate



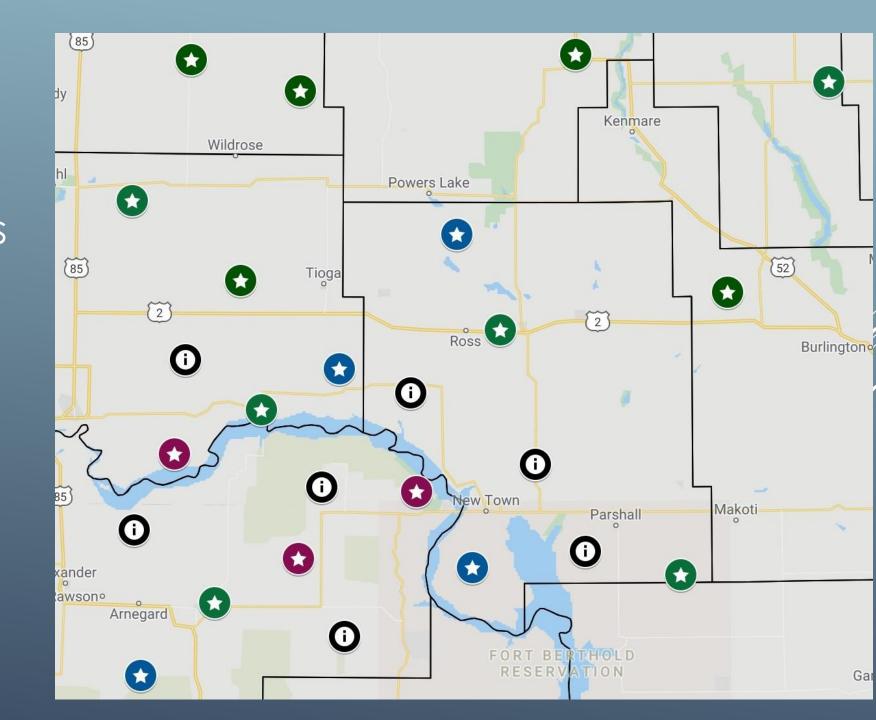
CURRENT AND PHASE 2 LOCATIONS



MOUNTRAIL COUNTY

2 NDAWN Stations Ross Plaza

5 New Stations
Rat lake
Crane Creek
Big Bend
Powers Lake
Liberty



WEATHER DATA UTILIZATION

- WDEA in partnership with OGRC contracted meteorologist services
 - ► Jonathan Rosencrans
- ► Services and tasks
 - ▶ Installation, maintenance, and support of weather stations
 - ▶ Data utilization
 - Forecasting
 - ▶ Training and Support

SOLUTION:

PROVIDE ACCURATE WEATHER
INFORMATION, SPECIFICALLY
PRECIPITATION DATA, TO ASSIST ROAD
MANAGERS IN MORE PRECISELY
IDENTIFYING ROADS THAT REQUIRE
TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS
AND EXCLUDE THOSE THAT DO NOT.

PROVIDE MORE DETAILED WEATHER FORECASTING DATA FOR INDUSTRY TO ASSIST IN PLANNING OPERATIONS

