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Springtime Damage to Roads and Seasonal Load Limits

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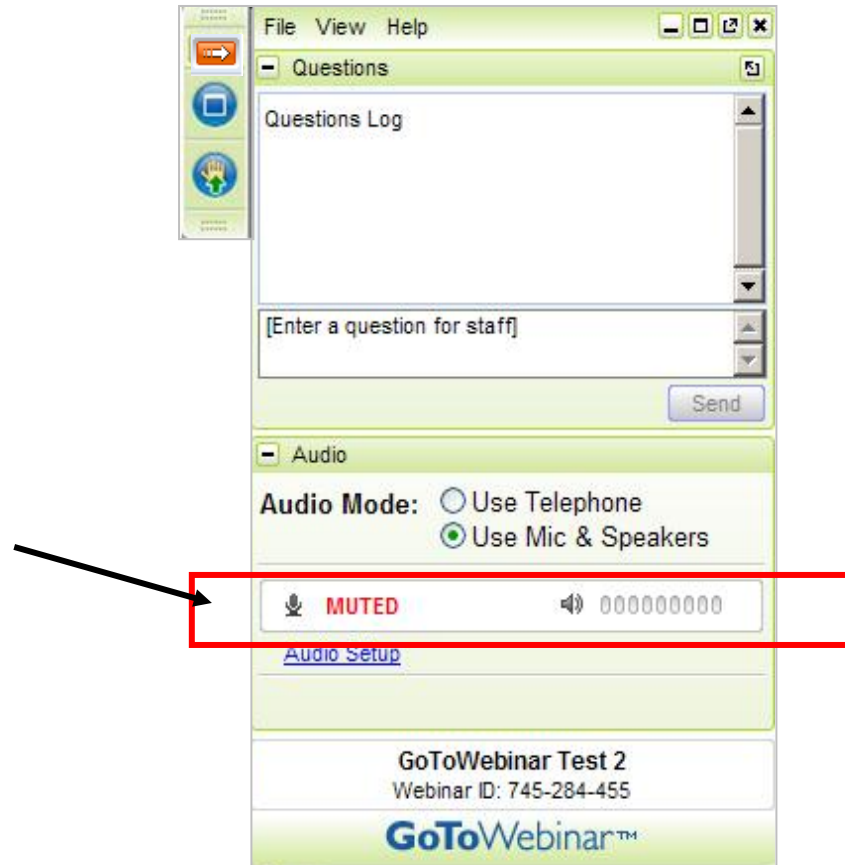
Discuss the background of seasonal thaw and load restrictions. The presenters will also demonstrate some of the websites transportation agencies use to allow users to check local road thawing conditions.

Learning Objectives

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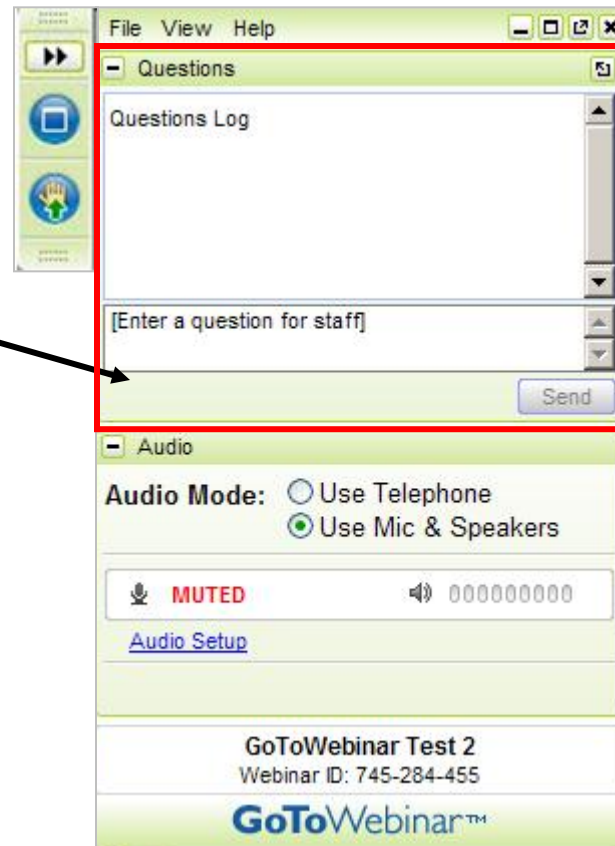
- Understand the reasons for thaw weakening
 - Understand the need to predict a window in time during which the road will be most susceptible to damage from heavy loads.
 - Understand how to predict when to restrict or limit heavy loads to reduce pavement damage to asphalt surfaced roads and to prevent resource damage caused by non-paved roads
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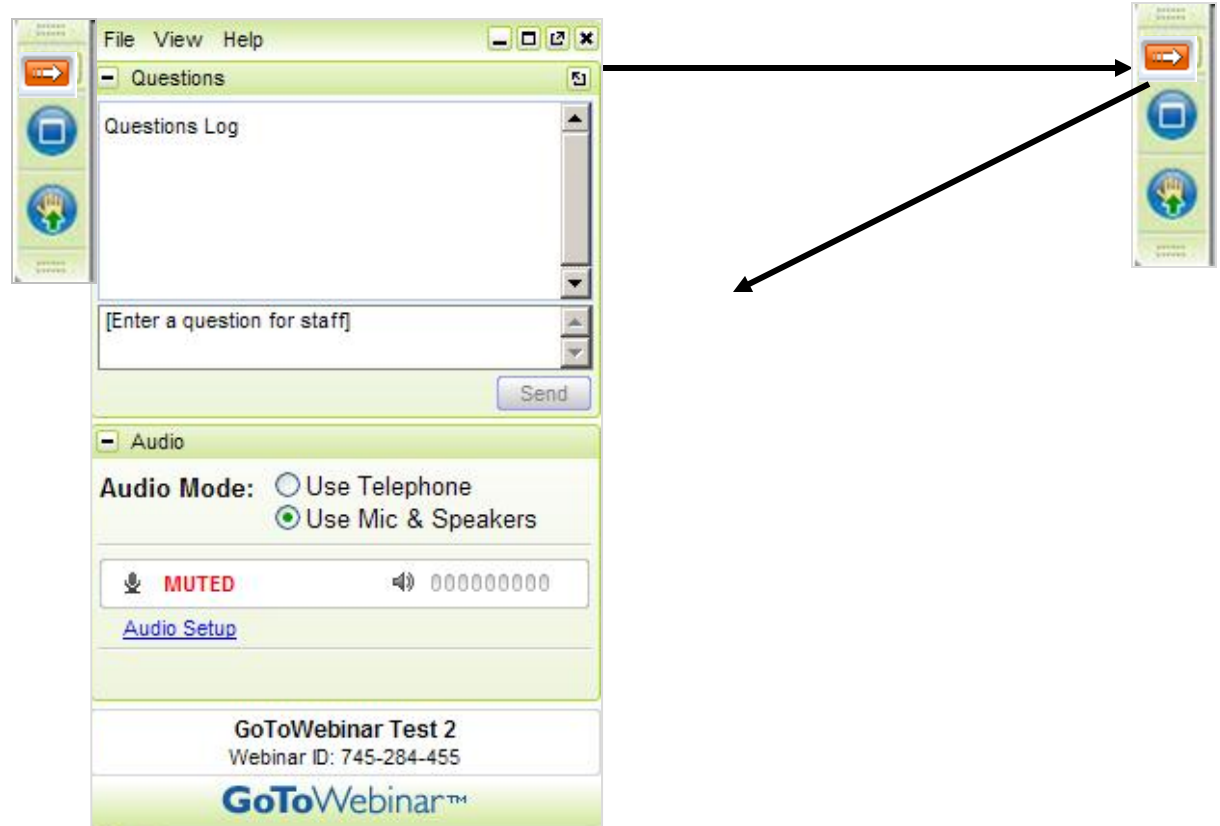


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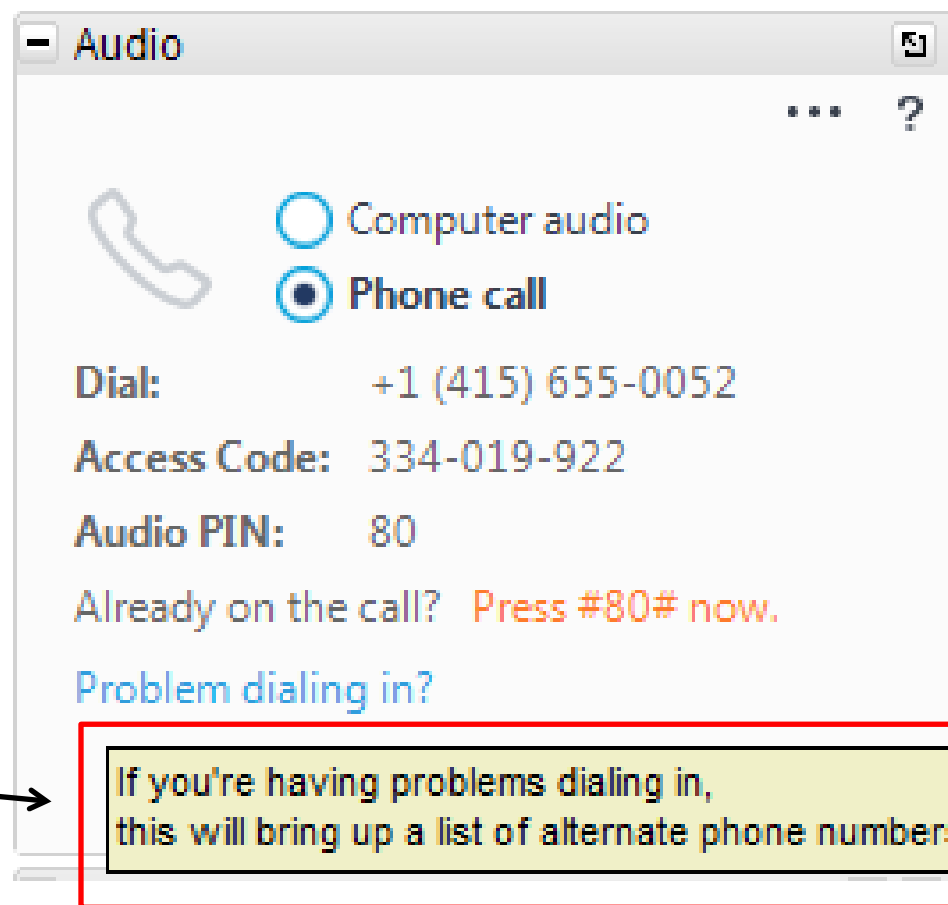
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Seasonal Load Restrictions on Low-Volume Roads; A Toolkit of Practical Low-Cost Methods for Road Managers



Maureen A. Kestler – USDA Forest Service

Review a few diagnostic techniques for
placing and removing seasonal load
restrictions (SLRs)

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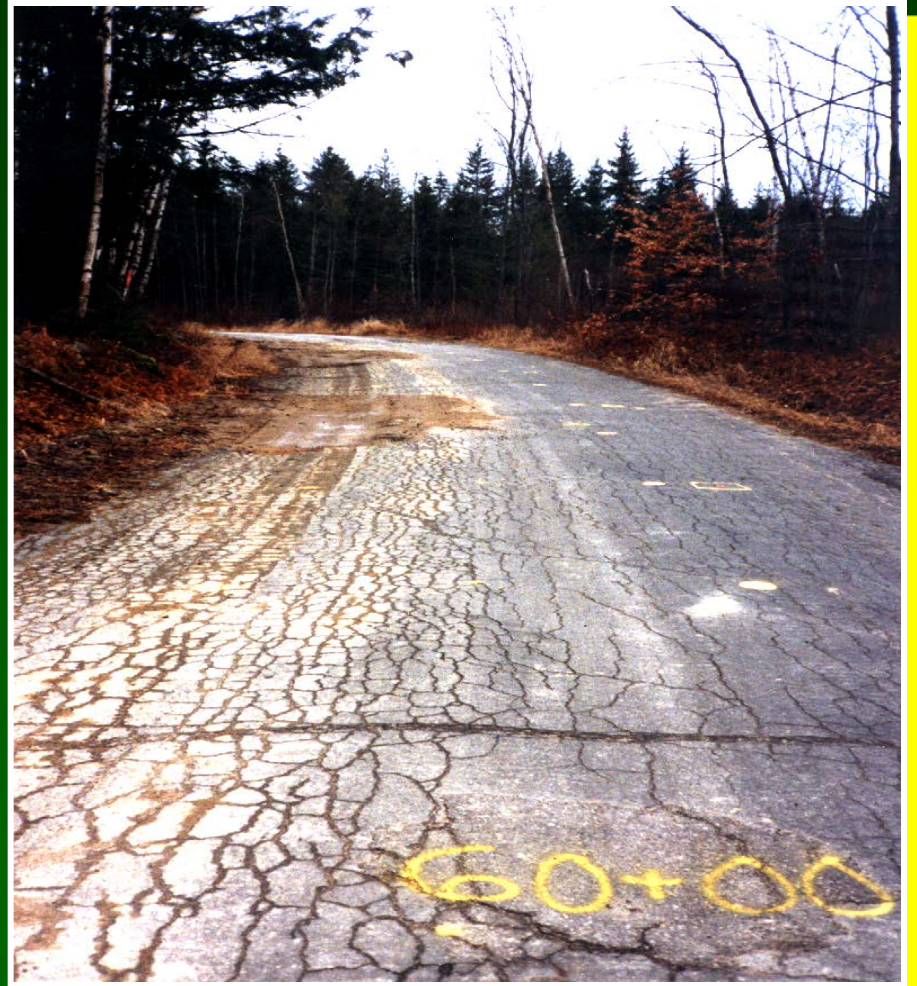
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- Methods for Determining Seasonal Load Restriction (SLR)
Placement & Removal
 1. Subsurface Instrumentation
 2. Falling Weight and Lightweight Deflectometer (FWD, LWD)
 3. Mathematical Models – Degree days, thaw index, numerical
 4. Length of Time for Duration of SLR
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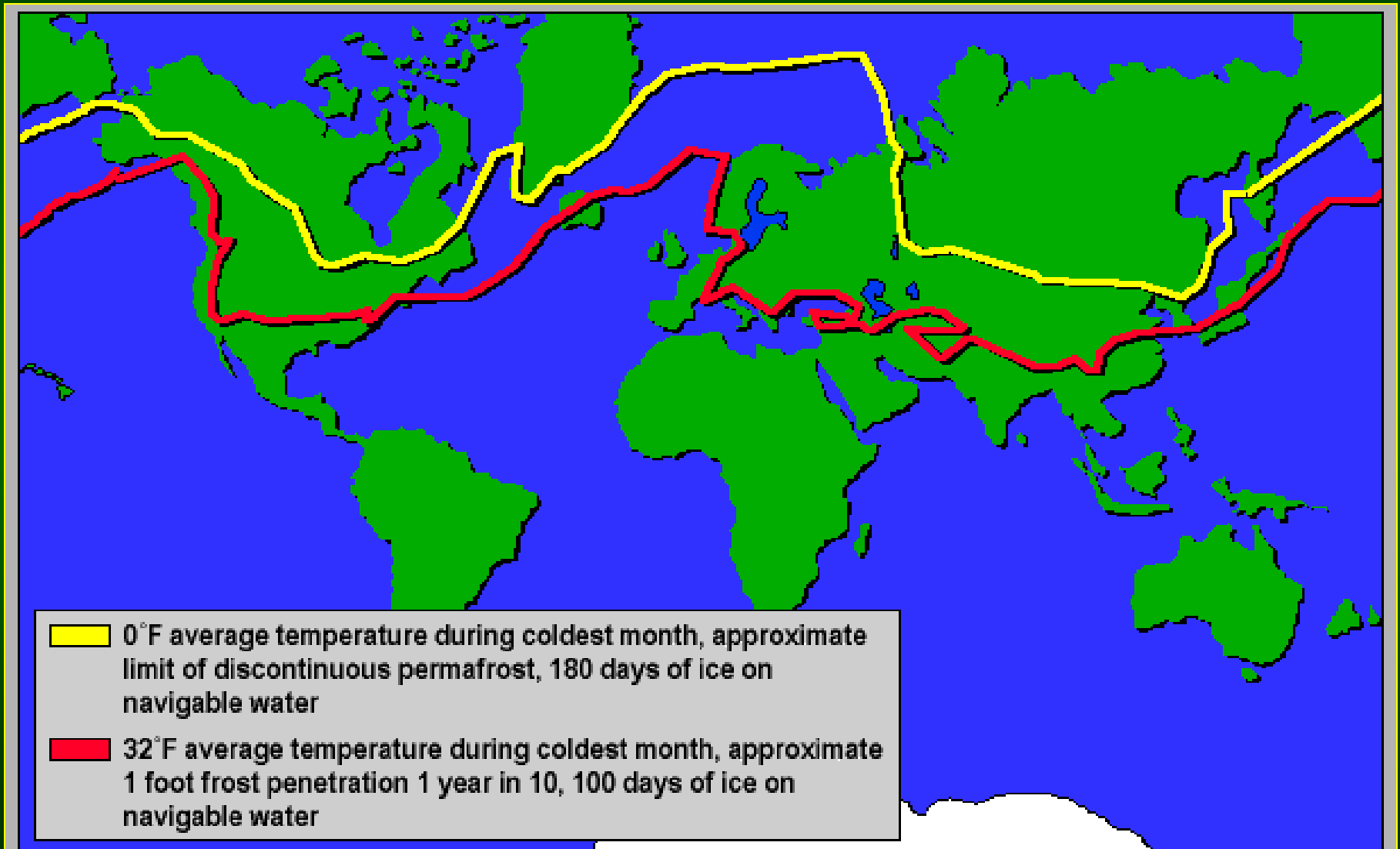
- Objectives of using SLRs
 - Asphalt-surfaced
 - Extend pavement life
 - Reduce maintenance cost
 - Gravel-surfaced and unsurfaced
 - Environmental: enhance stream quality / sediment reduction
 - Reduce maintenance cost
- Optimize timing of SLR placement and removal to strike a balance between reducing road damage and maximizing local economies

Introduction

Approximately half of the low volume roads in the U.S. are in seasonal frost areas



Introduction – Seasonal Frost Areas



Introduction

Mechanics of Freezing and Thawing

Freezing Front

(32 degree F isotherm)

Pavement

**Frost-Susceptible
Soil**

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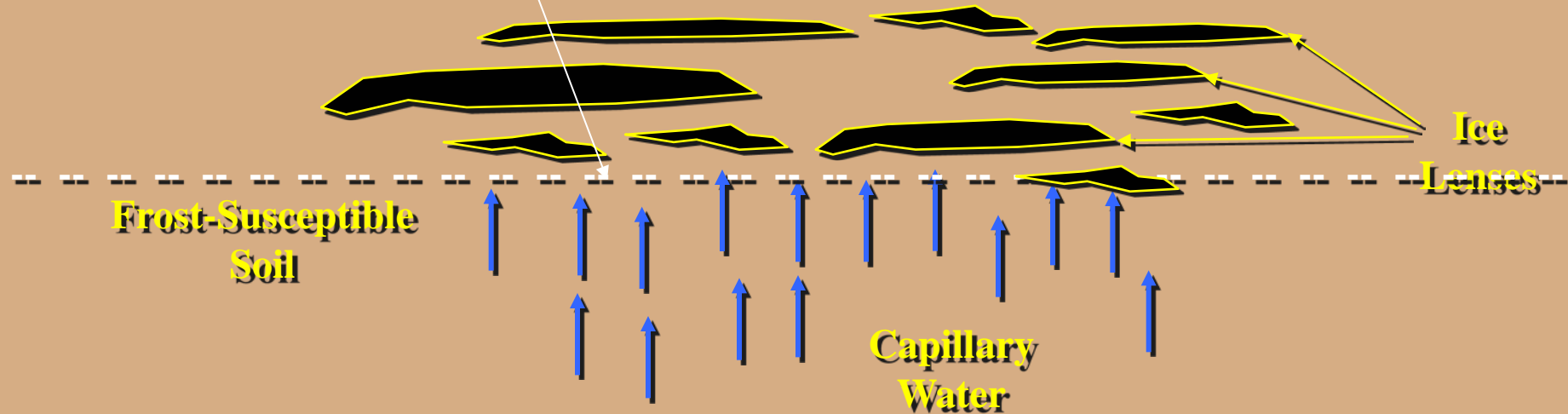
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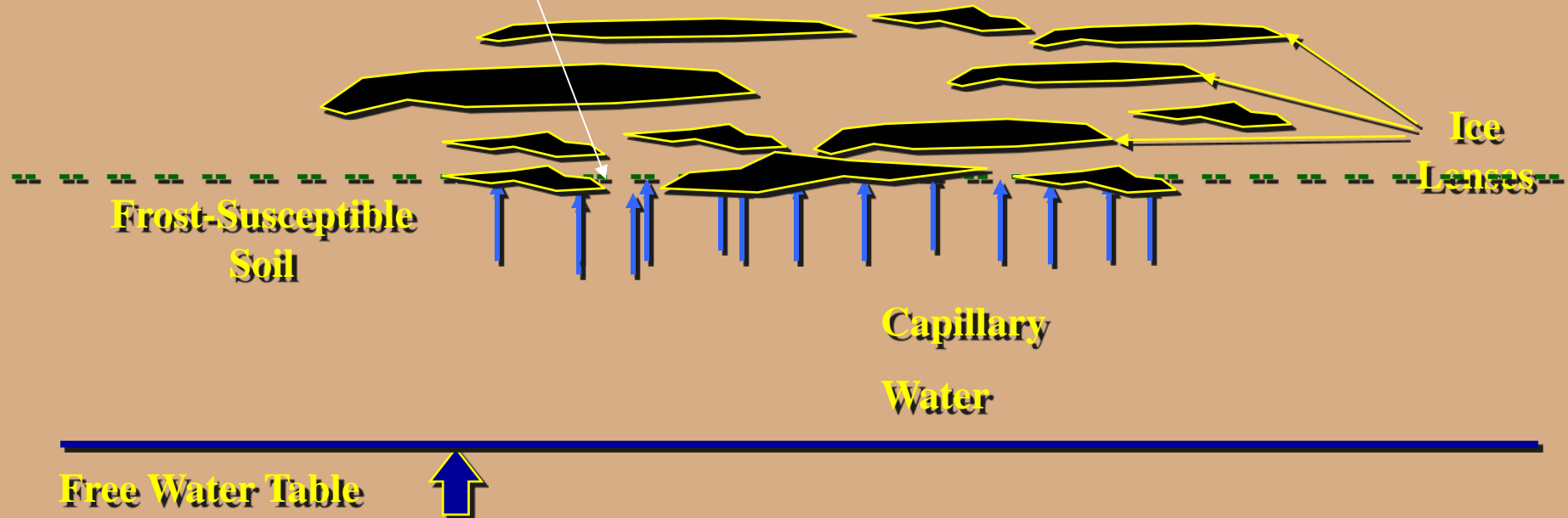
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- Frost Action Video
 - Original: USACE-ERDC-CRREL
 - Revised: MN Local Roads Research Board, AK DOT&PF, ASCE, USACE-ERDC-CRREL, FHWA, Forest Service, etc.
 - Video shows techniques for new construction; first portion describes frost action

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkrrSys03qQ>

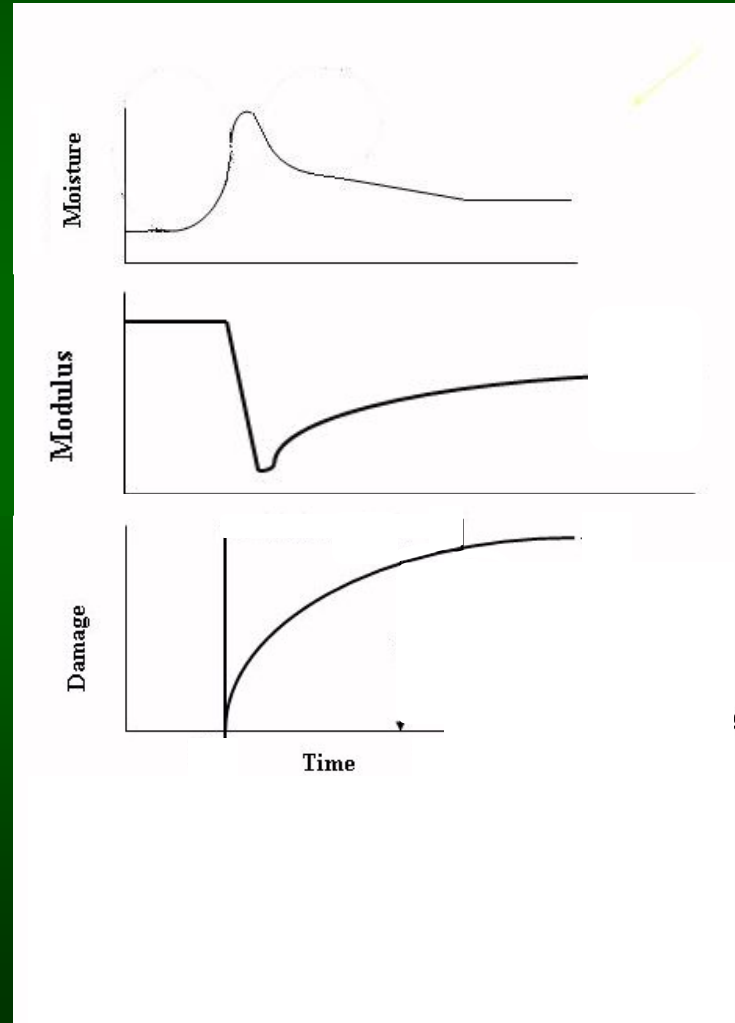
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Seasonal Load Restrictions



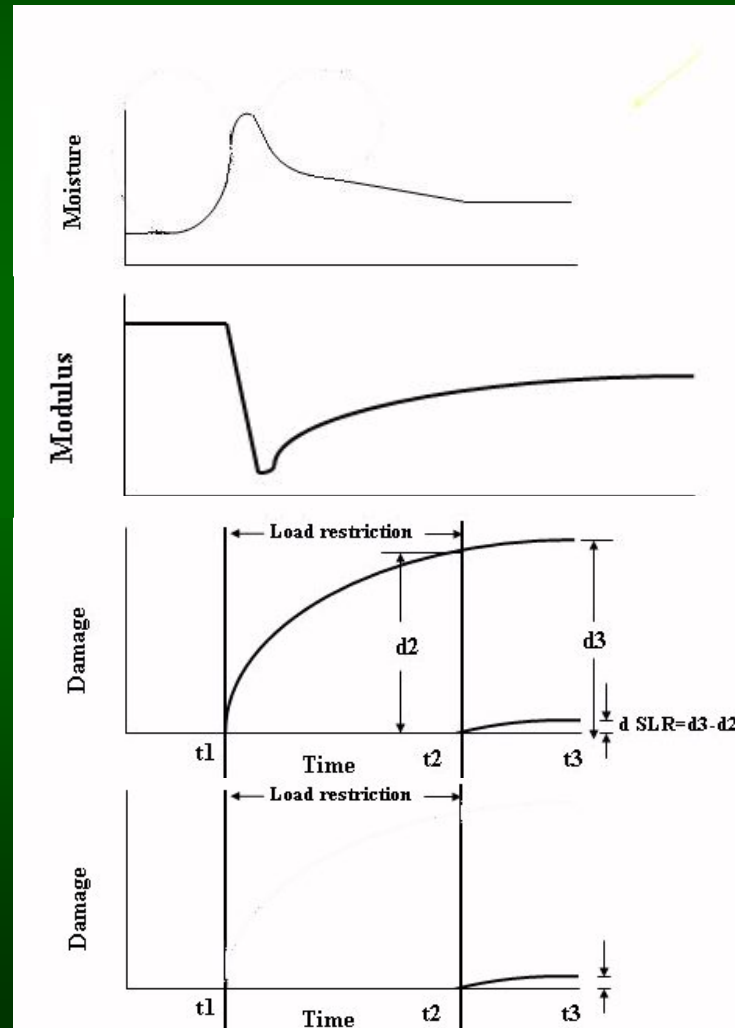
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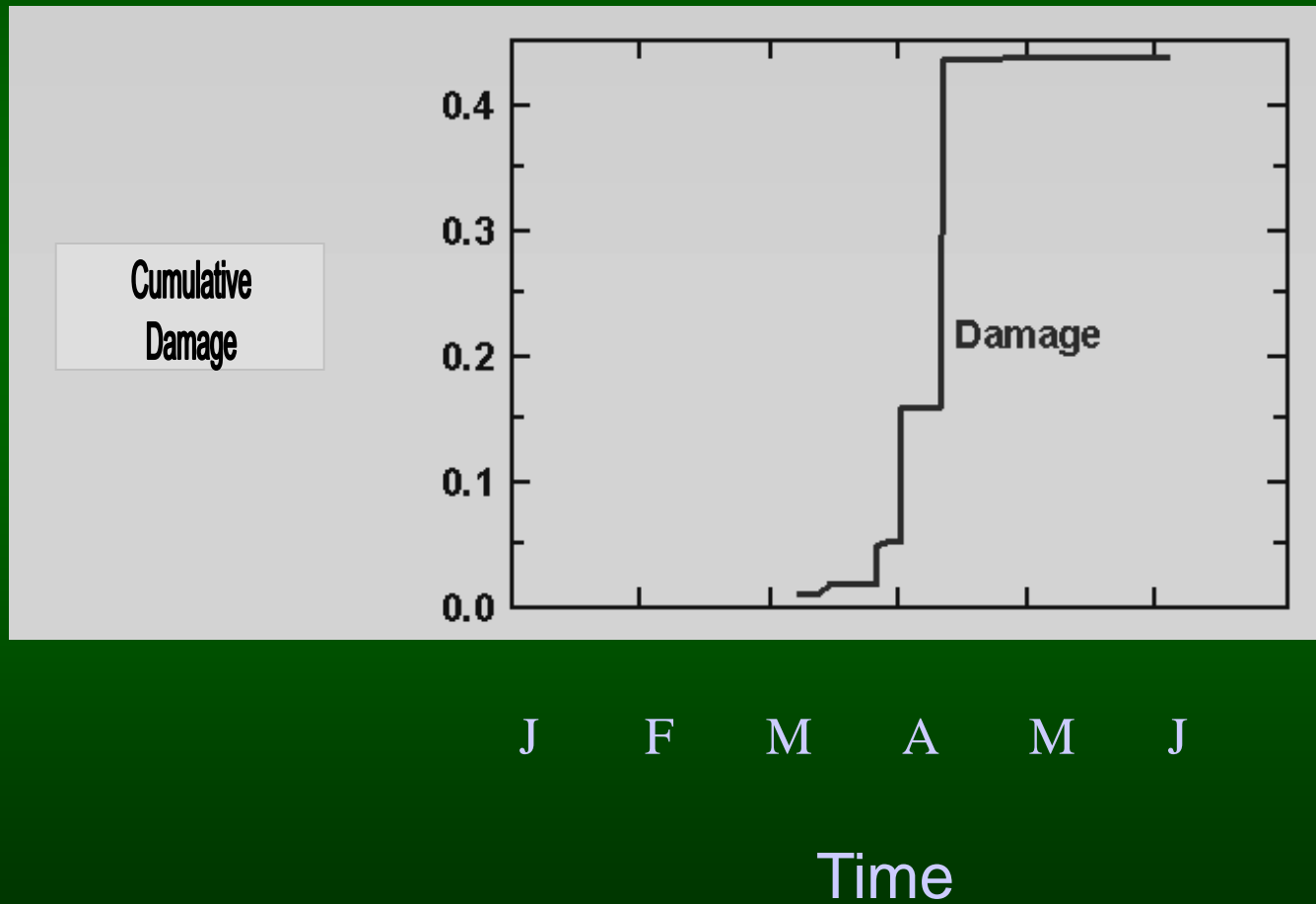
Load Restrictions



Introduction

- SLRs do keep damage to a minimum, but adversely affect companies whose livelihoods depend on trucking
- Optimize SLR placement & removal to strike a balance between reducing road damage & maximizing local economies
- Numerous studies & publications – MN, AK, UMass-Dartmouth, Waterloo, Lakehead Univ., WA, Forest Service, etc.
- The Forest Service is currently compiling a toolkit of low-cost methods for determining when to place & remove SLRs
 - Past and current projects typically conducted in partnership with one or more other agencies with mutual interests

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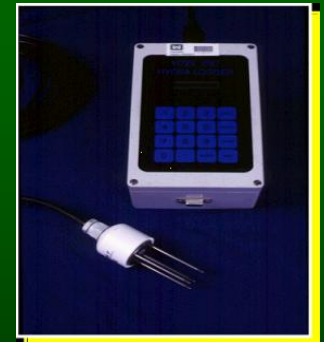
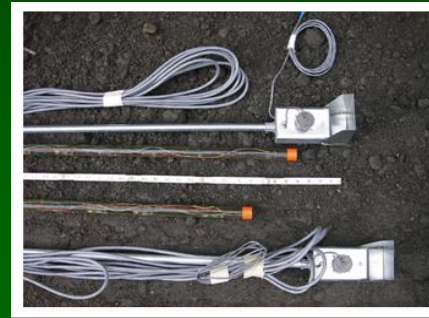


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1) Subsurface Temperature and Moisture Sensors

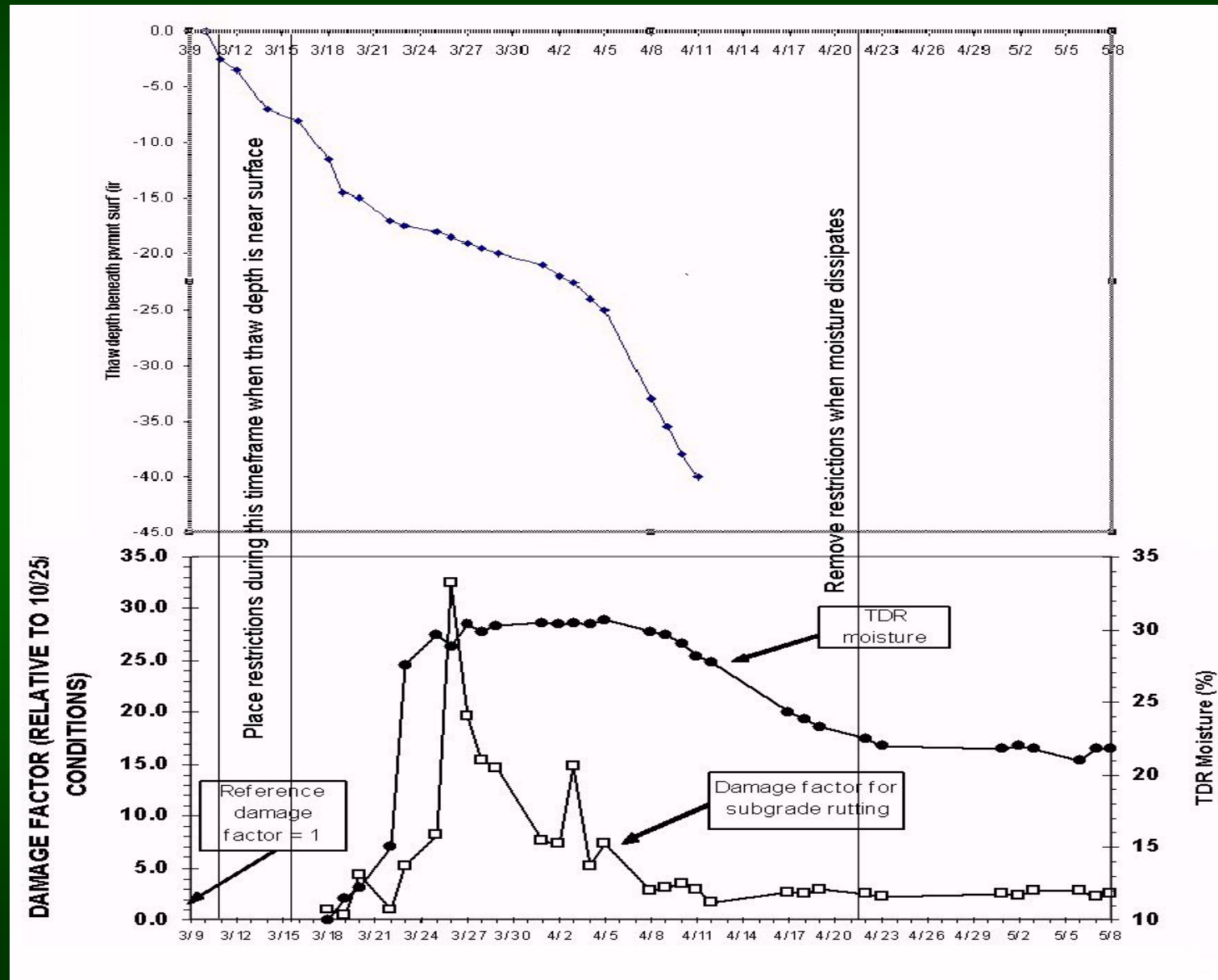
- Temperature is most commonly measured by thermistors or thermocouples. These aid in SLR placement, but not removal.
- Soil moisture sensors can serve as a surrogate measurement of pavement stiffness, so can aid in SLR removal.



1) Subsurface Temperature and Moisture Sensors

- Data acquisition
 - Manually read at discrete times
 - Automated datalogger
- Transmittal of data
 - Manual collection/downloading – not transmitted
 - Telemetric
 - Satellite
 - Cell
 - Radio

1) Subsurface Temperature and Moisture Sensors



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- Observations from project for which results were just shown
 - Moisture Peaks when Drainage Impeded by Frozen Layers
 - Subgrade Min. Modulus → 18 in. Thaw Depth
 - Moisture Content: Surrogate Road Strength Indicator
- System to Minimize LVR Damage
 - Thermistors → Determine Start of Thaw
 - Moisture Sensors → Determine Recovery
- Drawback: Site specific

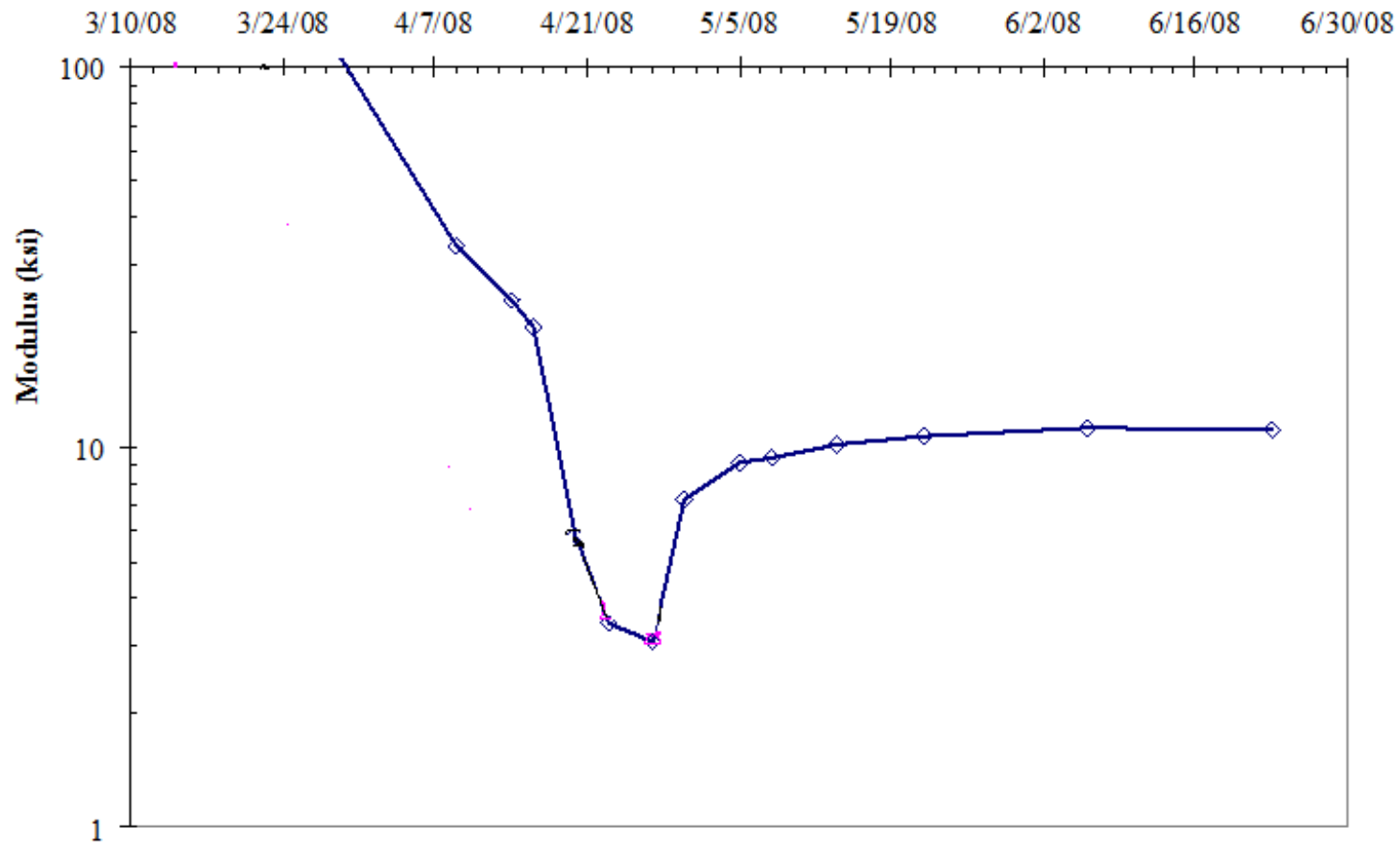
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Conventional Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD)



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Subgrade modulus through thaw and recovery; using Evercalc on FWD data

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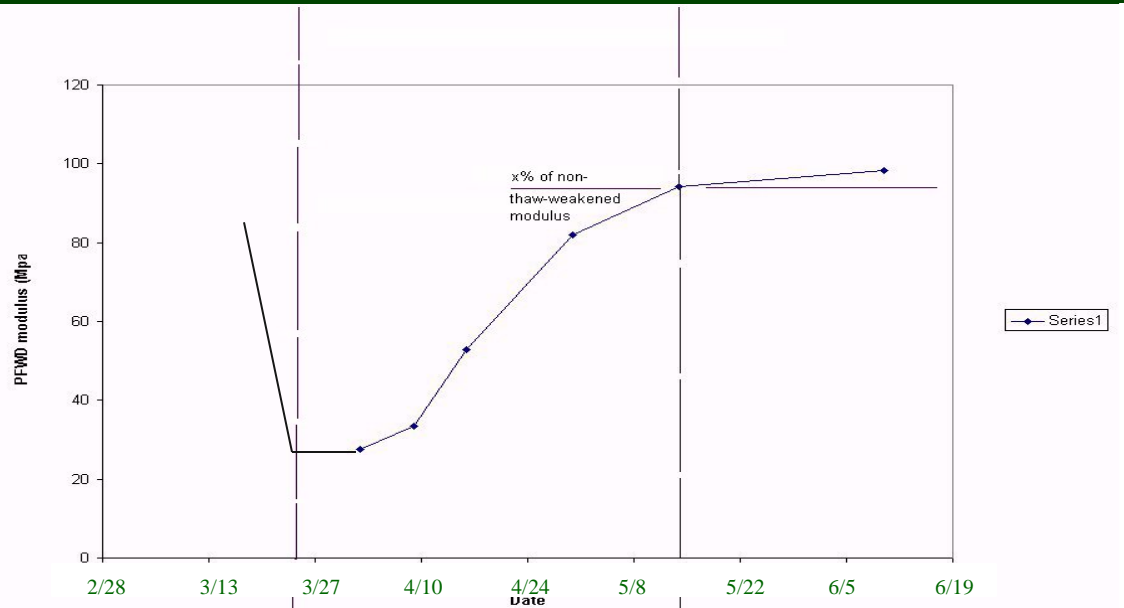
Lightweight Deflectometer (LWD)



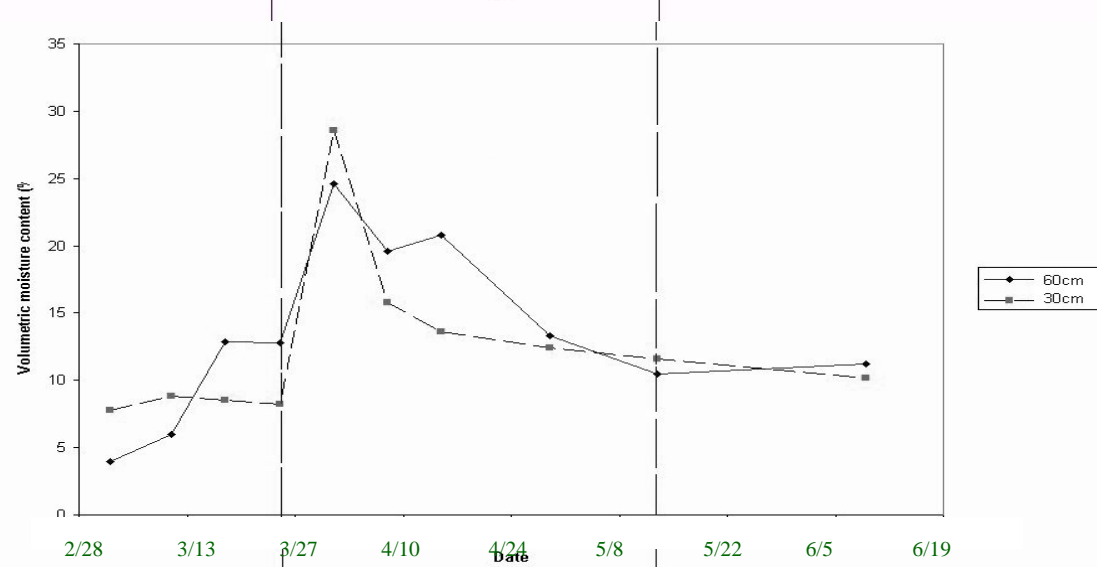
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Lightweight Deflectometer (LWD)

Modulus
from LWD

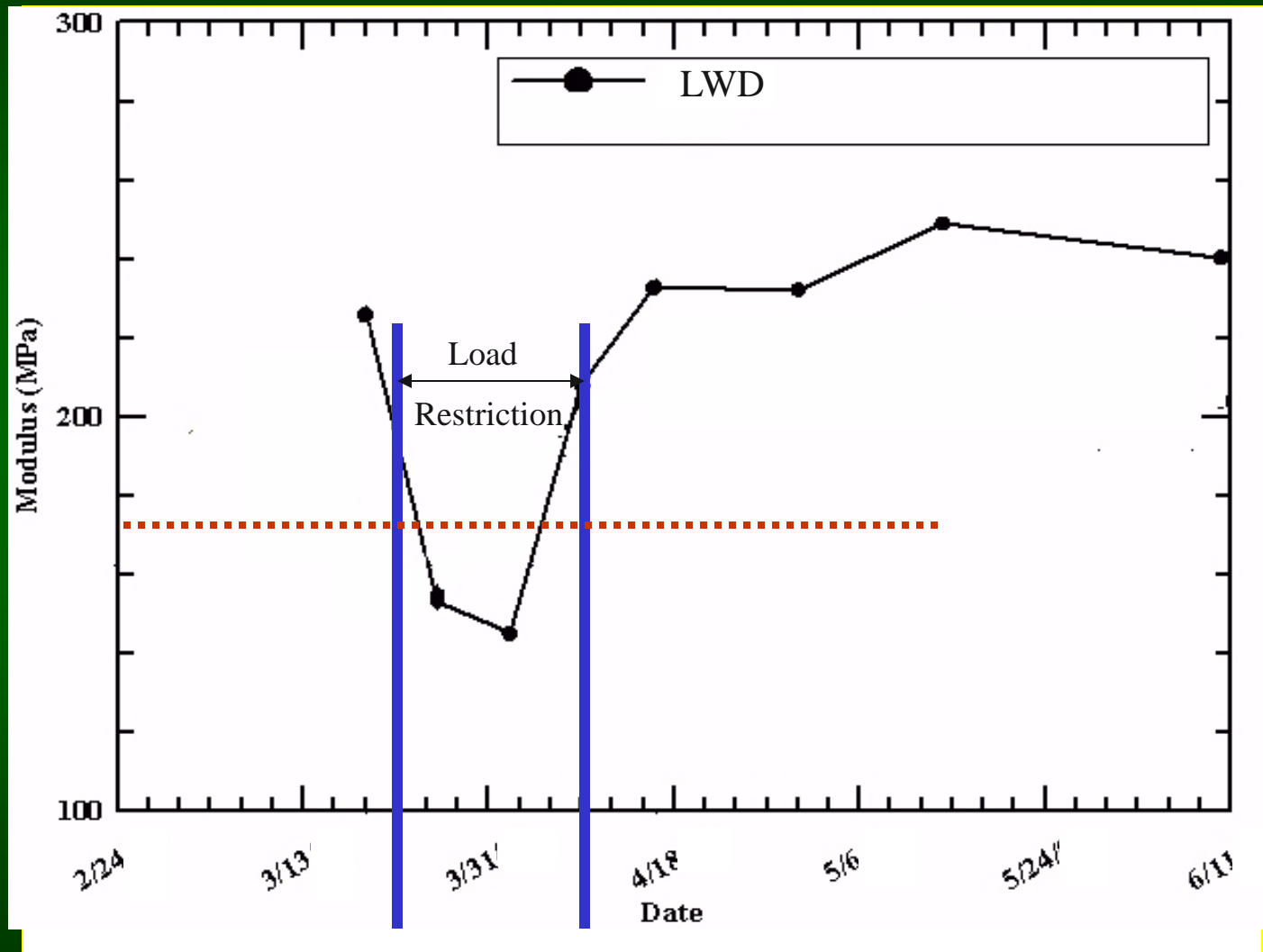


Moisture
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2. Falling Weight & Lightweight Deflectometer

Lightweight Deflectometer (LWD)



Not site specific, and can be used to place or remove SLRs

2. Falling Weight & Lightweight Deflectometer

Lightweight Deflectometer (LWD)

- LWDs being increasingly accepted in US
- There are ASTM standards for LWD
- Cost: Approx. \$10K-\$20K
- Can track seasonal stiffness variations
- Correlations improve with decreasing asphalt thickness
 - Reasonable comparison for up to 5 in asphalt thickness

3. Models

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a. Thaw Index

- Past Studies
 - State of Washington
 - Minnesota
 - Canada
- Determine Dates for Load Restrictions by a Simple Index
 - No special skills or equipment
 - Anywhere, not site specific
 - Parameters - Daily Air Temperature
 - WA and MN – use specific reference temp
 - FROST Assoc. - Dick Berg - Sinusoidal pavement temp with season
 - Etc.
- Works well for placing restrictions. Not as good for removal.

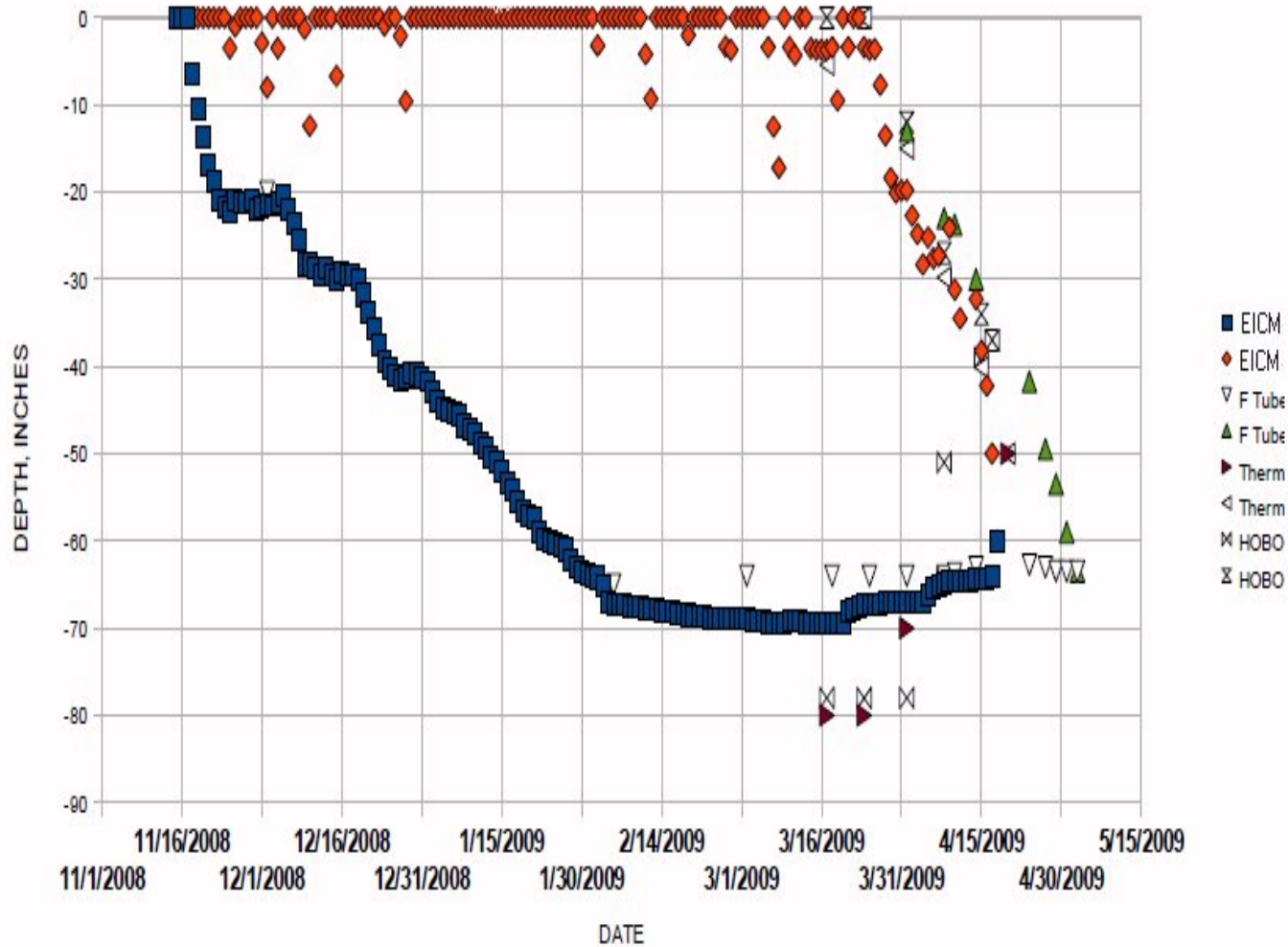
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b. Numerical

- Enhanced Integrated Climatic Model – Thaw Forecast Model
 - 1-D heat and moisture flow climatic model incorporated in the current AASHTO pavement design procedure
 - Computes changes in behavior and characteristics of unbound materials as a function of environmental conditions over time (temp, pore water pressure, frost & thaw depth, frost heave, etc.)
 - A few thaw predictor variations
 - ARA – EICM vRWIS – frost, thaw (& icing)
 - FHWA/Clarus, SLR tool – frost, thaw
- Other numerical models

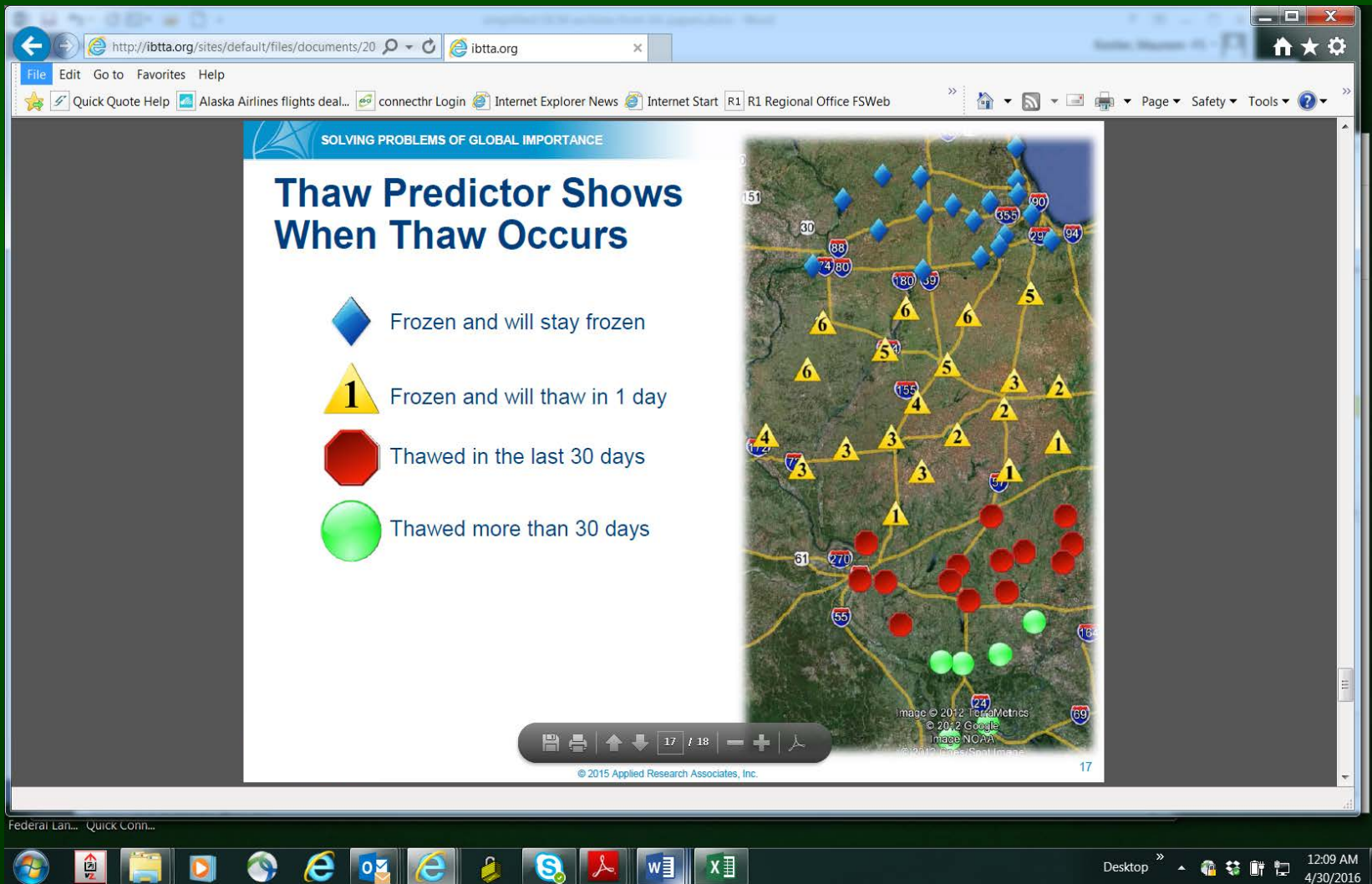
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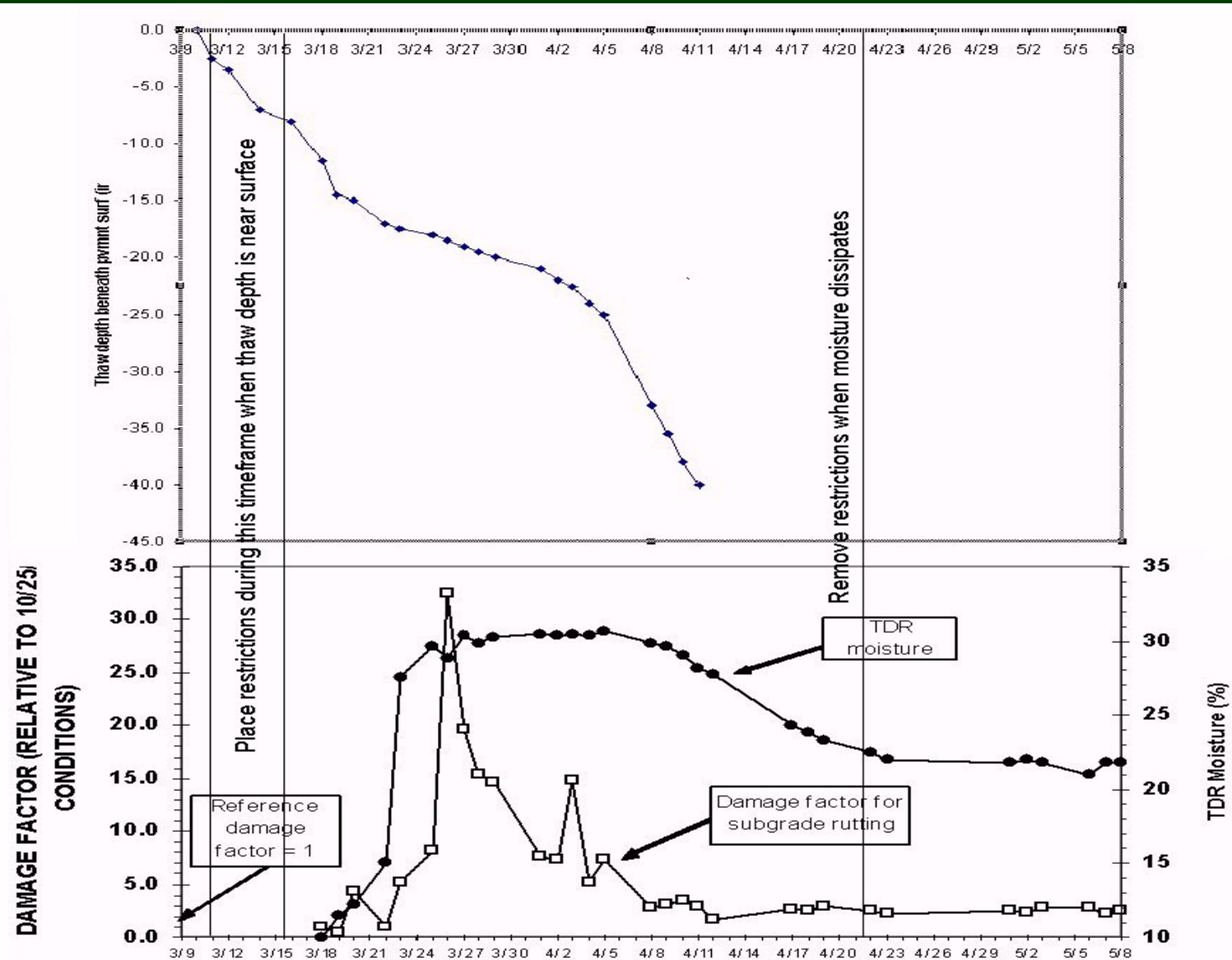


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4) Length of Time for Removal



4) Length of Time for Removal

- Sites analyzed by the Forest Service have shown in the range of 5-8 weeks for recovery, but data is too limited.
- MN's recommendations are based on a larger database than FS, so recommendation is to use MN's 8 or so weeks for asphalt, and approx. 10 weeks for gravel.

5) Combinations of Techniques for Placing and Removing SLRs

**If Spring Load Restriction is *Placed*
Using this Method:**

**Recommended method(s) for
Removing Spring Load Restriction,
in order of recommendation:**

Subsurface temperature sensors

Subsurface moisture sensors

Lightweight Deflectometer

Length of time

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Length of time

Thaw Index

Lightweight Deflectometer

Length of time

EICM Thaw Predictor

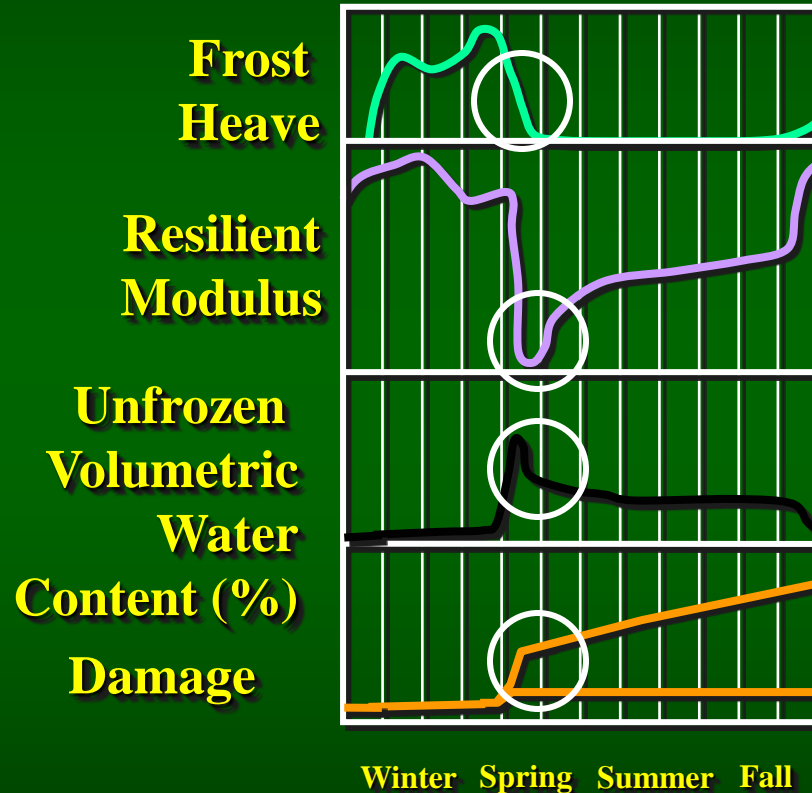
Lightweight Deflectometer

Length of time

Summary

Summary

- Existing Pavements:
 - Reduce damage by limiting hauling during damage susceptible period



- Timing of SLR placement & removal can be determined via any one or combination of methods

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Technique	Strengths/Advantages	Weaknesses / Disadvantages
Subsurface sensors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be fairly simple. • Coupling of temp & moisture sensors predict when to place & remove SLRs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site specific. • Requires field visits unless a remote automated data acquisition system. • Difficult to install (drill) if rocky.
FWD or LWD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anywhere – not site specific. • Good for placement & removal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWD: \$\$\$\$. Agencies have limited no. • FWD: Travel required, not near all sites. • LWD: Modulus is for just near-surface. • LWD: 4-5 in. max asphalt thickness. • LWD: Composite modulus; near surface.
Thaw Index	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not require field visit; can be used from office. • Simple to use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial setup may require additional time. • Mountainous location issues. • Better for SLR placement than removal.
EICM Thaw Predictor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not require ongoing field visits. • Accounts for materials/road structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better w/ temp sensor in road for calibration. • Good for determining start, needs work for predicting completion of thaw. • Requires a lot of input for good output.
Length of Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very simple to use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for standard season, but not for out-of-the-ordinary seasons.

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Seasonal Load Limits

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Minnesota Department of Transportation

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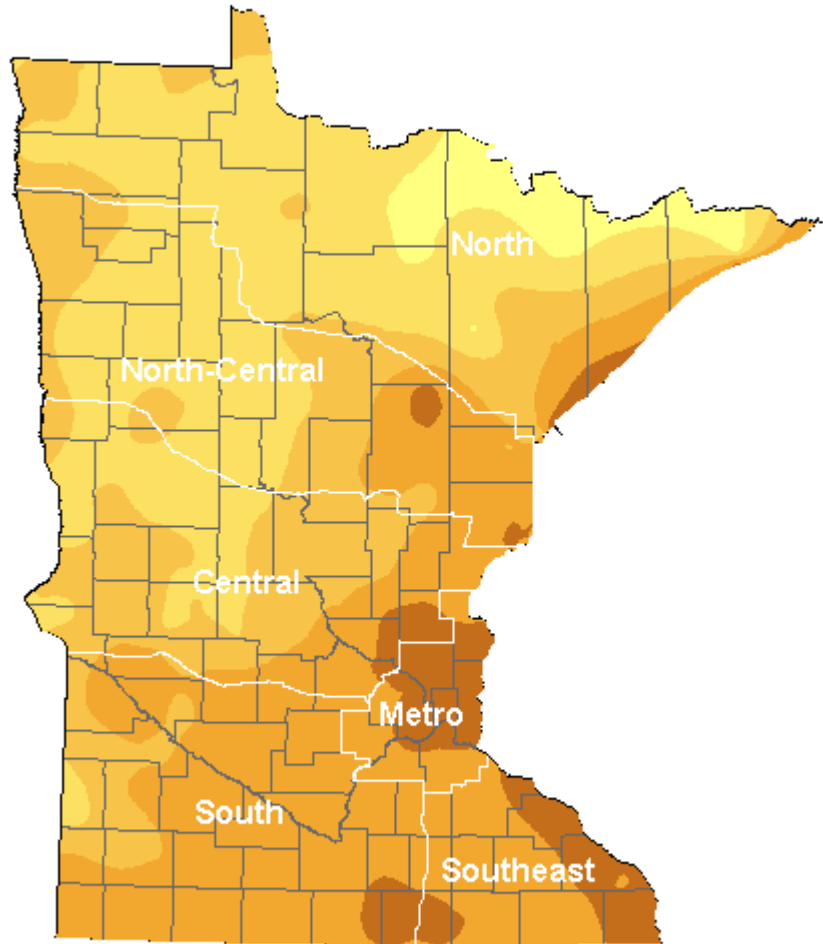
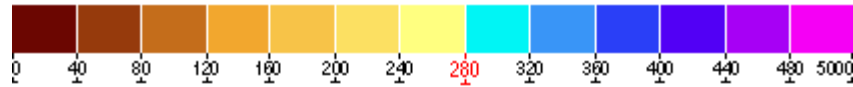
Seasonal Load Limits (SLL)

- What is Seasonal Load Limits?
 - Setting load limits for the winter and spring months
- Tech Memo: 14-10-MAT-02 Process for Seasonal Load Limit Starting and Ending Dates
 - <https://techmemos.dot.state.mn.us/techmemo.aspx>
- Winter Load Increases (WLI)
 - Increase GVW by ten percent for each frost zone based on freezing index model each winter
 - When the 3-day weather forecast indicates a cumulative freezing index (CFI) for a frost zone will exceed 280°F-days and the extended forecast predicts continued freezing temperatures

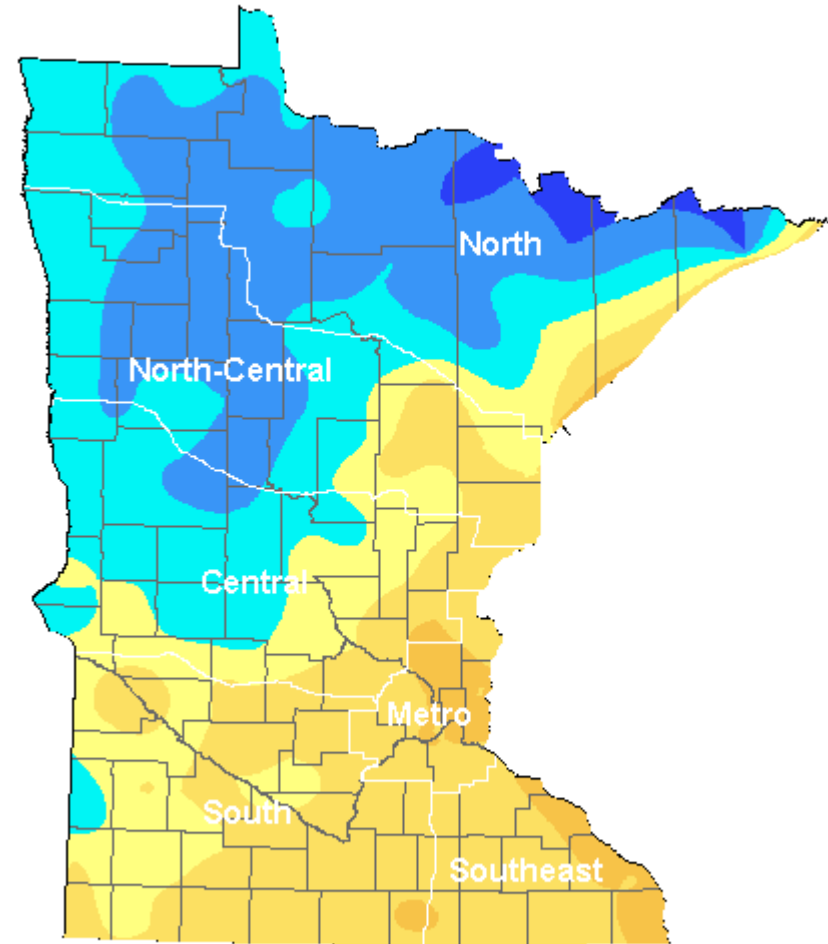
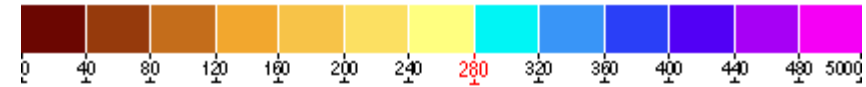
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- $CFI_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(32^{\circ}F - \frac{T_{maximum} + T_{minimum}}{2} \right)$
- CFI_n = cumulative freezing index calculated over 'n' days (°F-day)
- $T_{maximum}$ = Maximum daily air temperature (°F)
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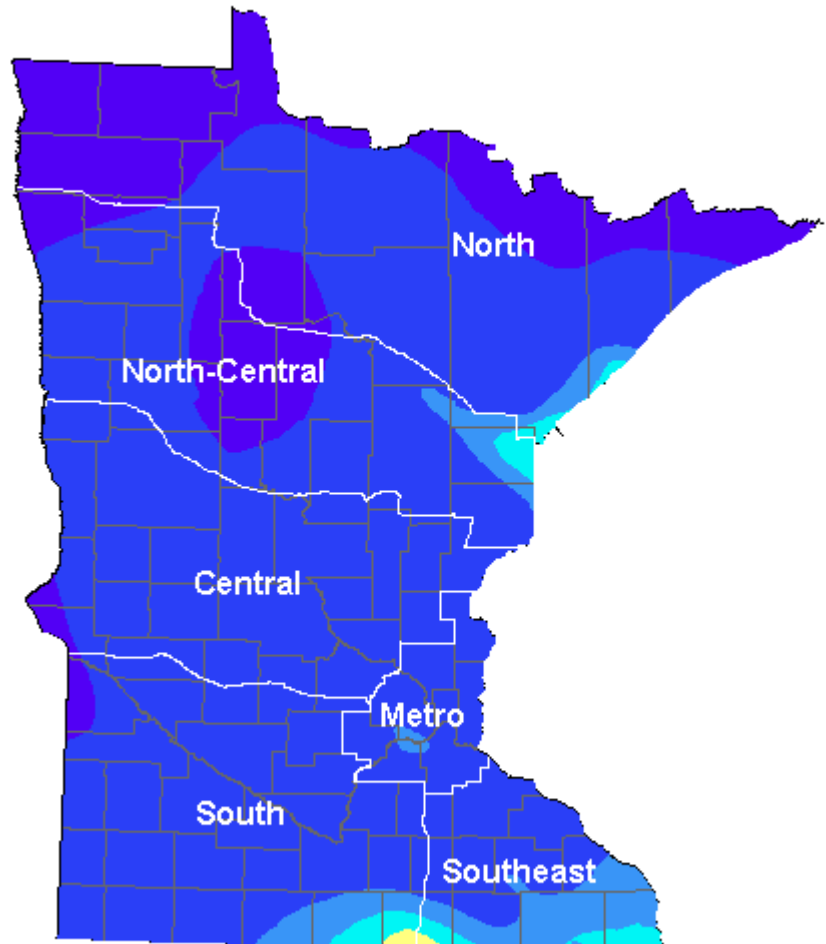
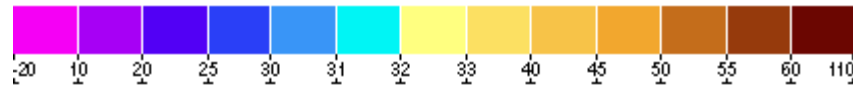
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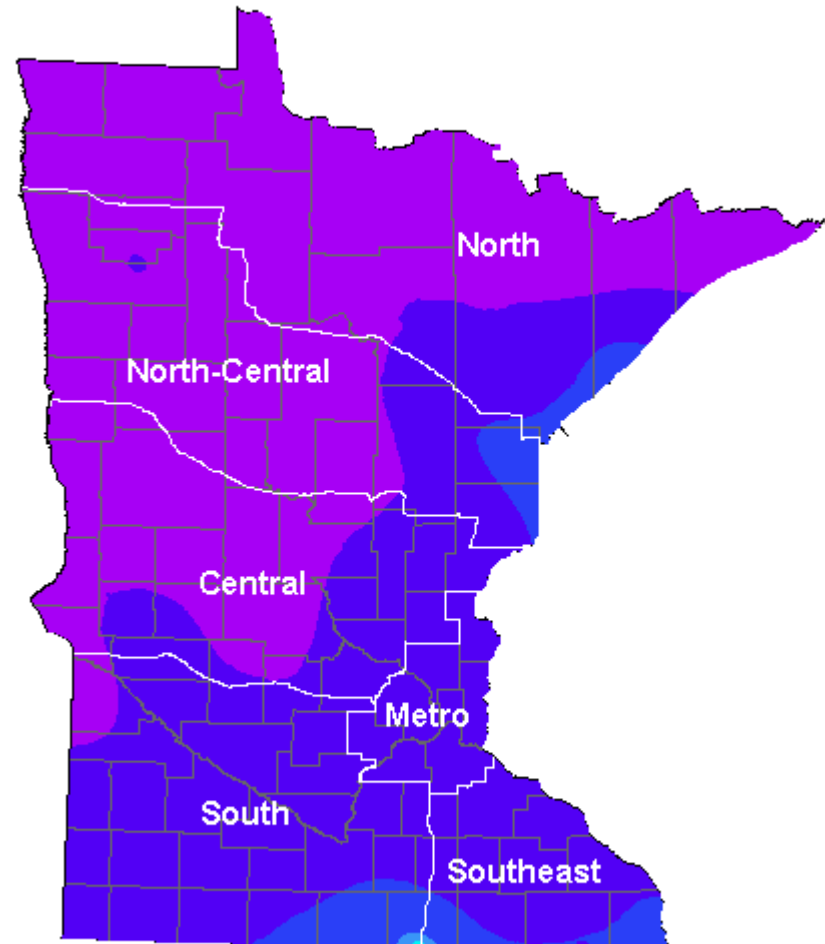
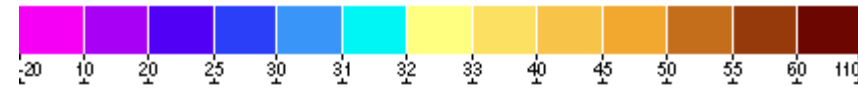
3-Day Forecasted Cumulative Freezing Index
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Roadway Subgrade(18'') Temperature(F)
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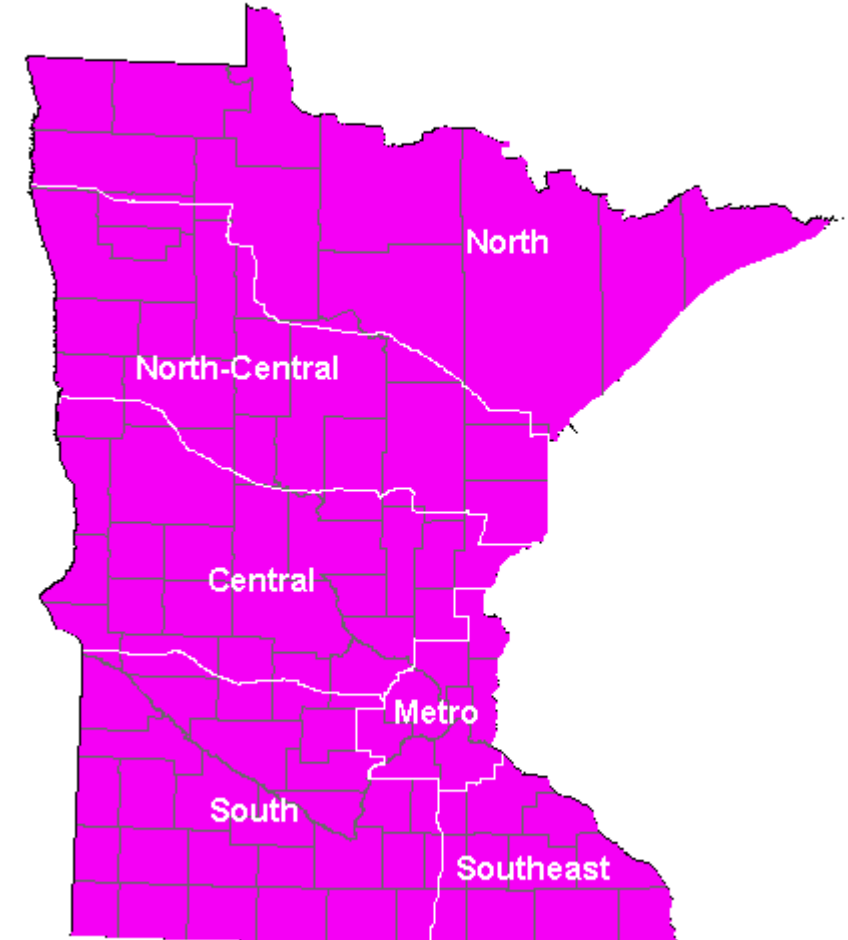
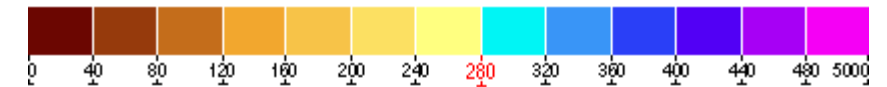
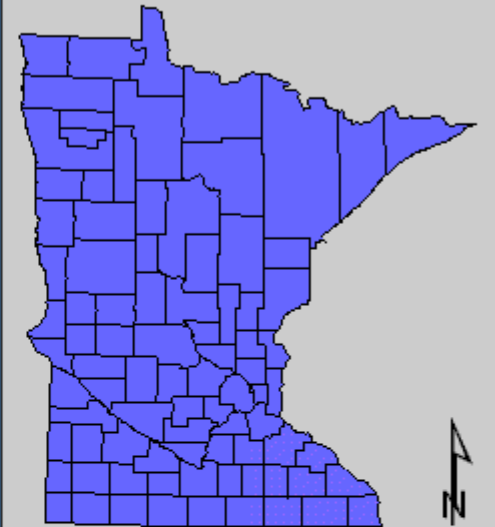


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Winter Load Increases (WLI)

SLL Update 2016-2017		
Frost Zone	Starting Date	Ending Date
Winter Load Increases (WLI)		
North	Dec 16, 2016	_____
North-Central	Dec 16, 2016	_____
Central	Dec 22, 2016	_____
Metro	Dec 22, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
South	Dec 22, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Southeast	Dec 22, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)		
North	_____	_____
North-Central	_____	_____
Central	_____	_____
Metro	Feb 17, 2017	_____
South	Feb 17, 2017	_____
Southeast	Feb 17, 2017	_____
Middle-Range Overweight Permits		
North	May 04, 2016	_____
North-Central	May 03, 2016	_____
Central	Apr 15, 2016	_____
Metro	Apr 15, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
South	Apr 15, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Southeast	Apr 15, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Full-Summer Overweight Permits		
North	May 25, 2016	_____
North-Central	May 24, 2016	_____
Central	May 06, 2016	_____
Metro	May 06, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
South	May 06, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Southeast	May 06, 2016	Feb 17, 2017



Actual Cumulative Freezing Index
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Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

- MN used SLR since 1937
- A preservation strategy for weak roads in the spring
- Allows trapped water to drain and allow the pavement to recover

Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

- Improved Spring Load Restriction Guidelines using Mechanistic Analysis
 - <http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/research/pdf/200018.pdf>
- Found SLR were being placed 7 to 10 days to late under current method
- Found by adjusting the reference temperature in the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) thawing index equation based on air temperatures to fit Minnesota conditions.

Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

- $CTI_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Daily Thawing Index} - 0.5 * \text{Daily Freezing Index})$
- $CTI_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\left[\frac{T_{maximum} + T_{minimum}}{2} - T_{reference} \right] - 0.5 * \left[32^{\circ}F - \frac{T_{maximum} + T_{minimum}}{2} \right] \right)$
- CTI_n = cumulative thawing index calculated over 'n' days (°F-day)
- $T_{maximum}$ = Maximum daily air temperature (°F)
- $T_{minimum}$ = Minimum daily air temperature (°F)
- $T_{reference}$ = Reference air temperature (°F)

Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

Date*	Reference Temperature (°F)
January 1 – January 31	32.0
February 1 – February 7	29.3
February 8 – February 14	28.4
February 15 – February 21	27.5
February 22 – February 28	26.6
March 1 – March 7	25.7
March 8 – March 14	24.8
March 15 – March 21	23.9
March 22 – March 28	23.0
March 29 – April 4	22.1
April 5 – April 11	21.2
April 12 – April 18	20.3
April 19 – April 25	19.4
April 26 – May 2	18.5
May 3 – May 9	17.6
May 10 – May 16	16.7
May 17 – May 23	15.8
May 24 – May 30	14.9
June 1 – December 31	32.0

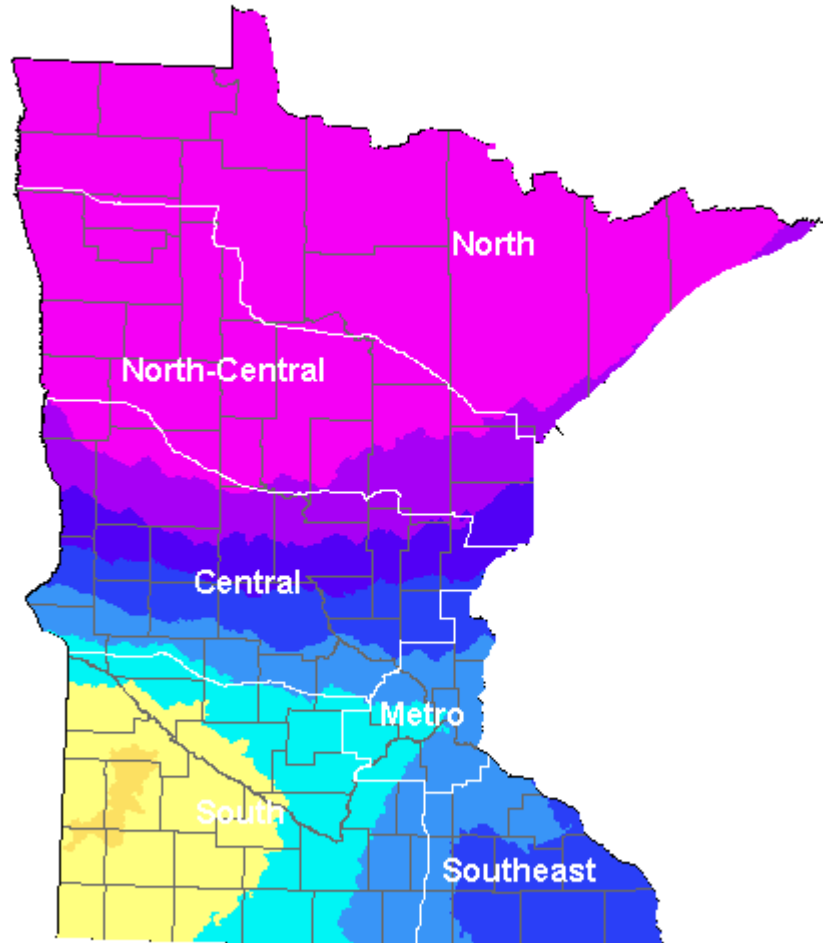
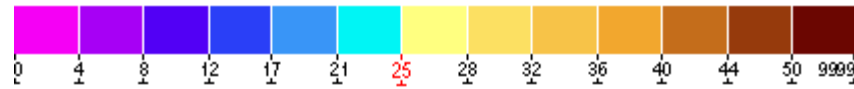
Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

- When the 3-day weather forecast indicates a cumulative thawing index (CTI) for a frost zone will exceed 25°F-days and longer-range forecasts predict continued warmth
- Based on FWD testing across the state, a typical period for the pavement base and subgrade layers to regain sufficient strength to support heavy truck loads was eight weeks.

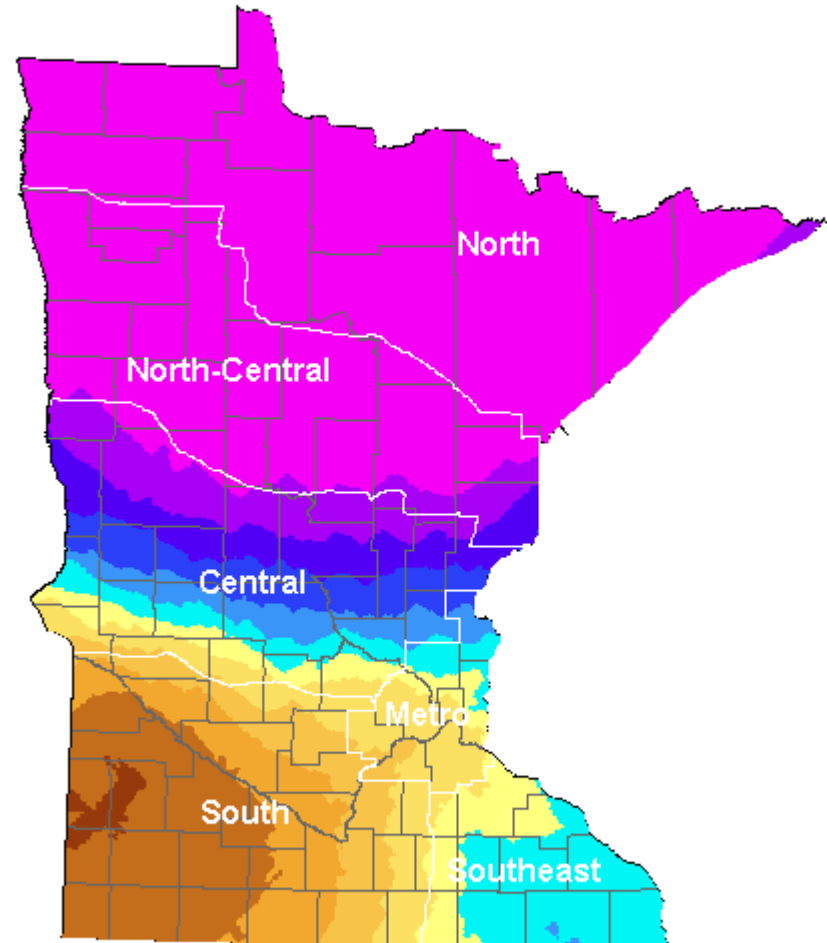
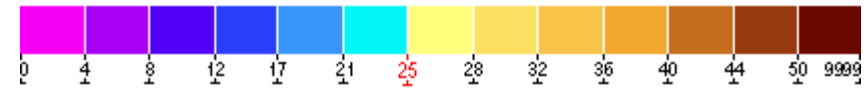
Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

- Adopted in the spring of 1999
- Starting in spring of 2000 the state statute specified that local government will begin and end SLR in common with MnDOT, unless the roads are posted otherwise.
- In 1999 it was estimated that a 10 percent reduction in roadway life cost the Minnesota taxpayers \$10,000,000 a year.

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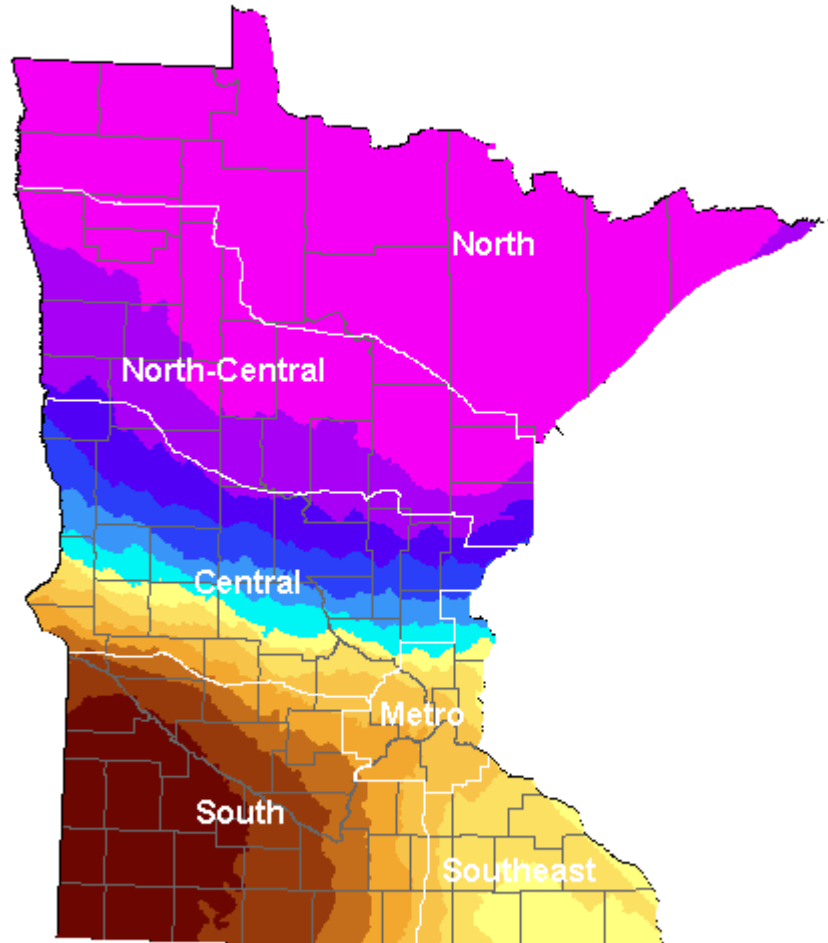
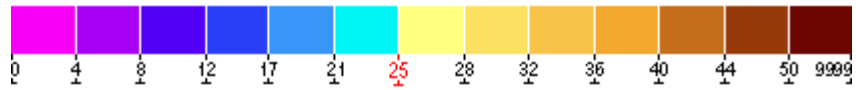
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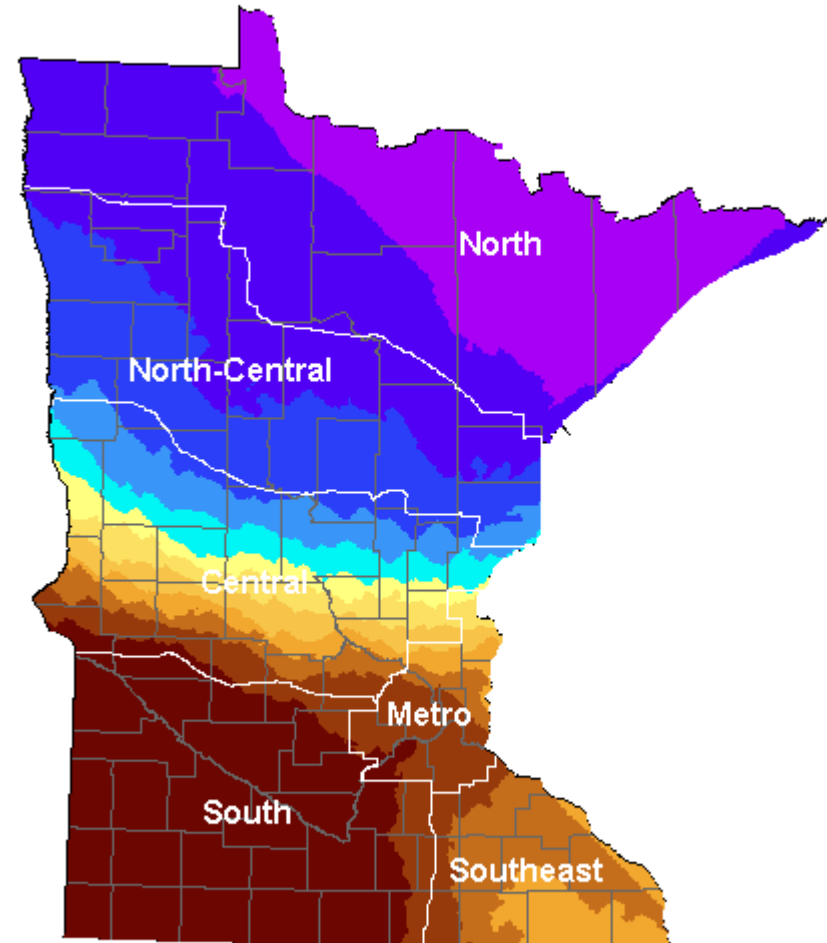
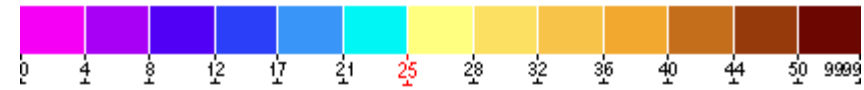
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Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)



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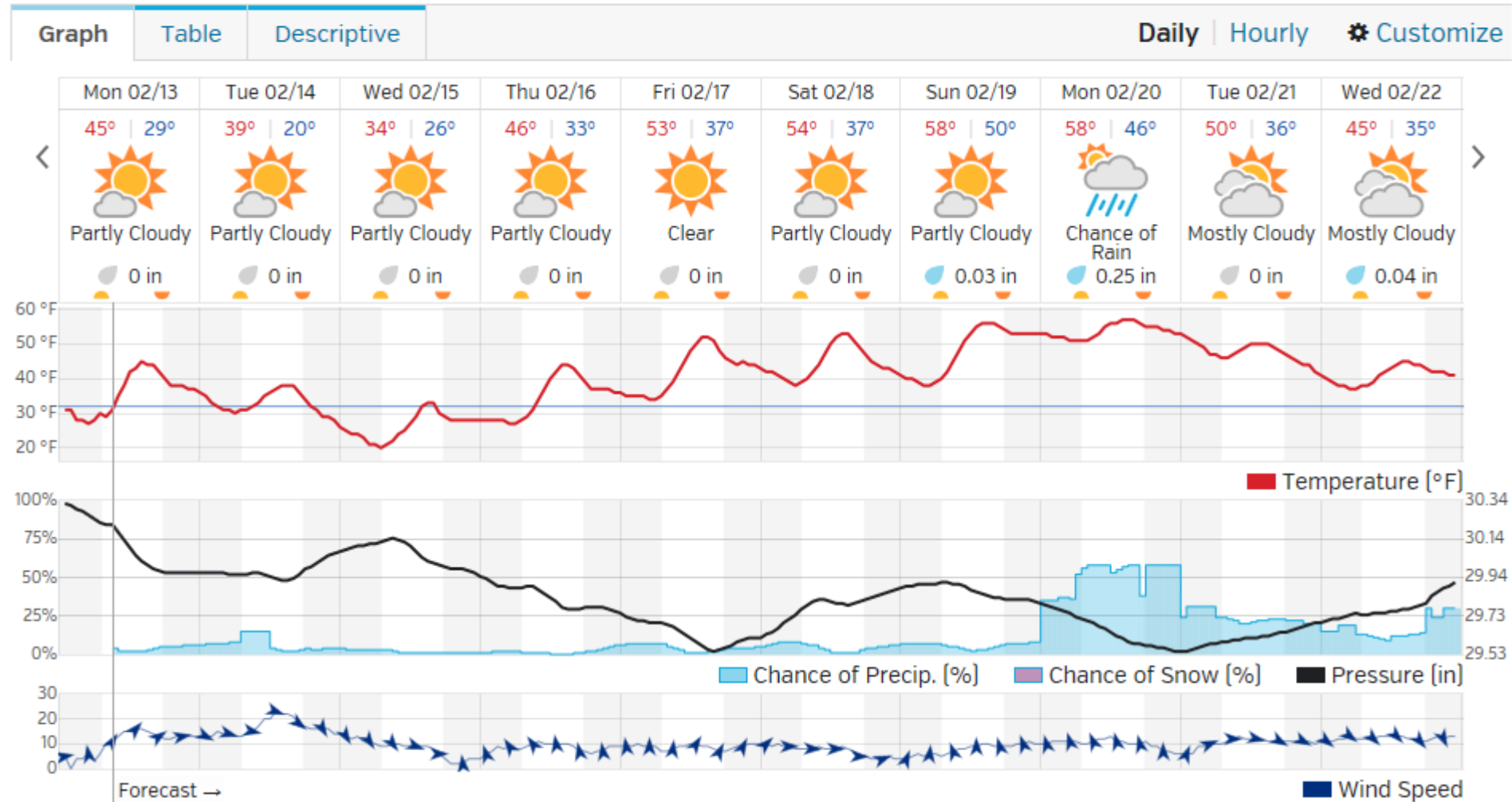
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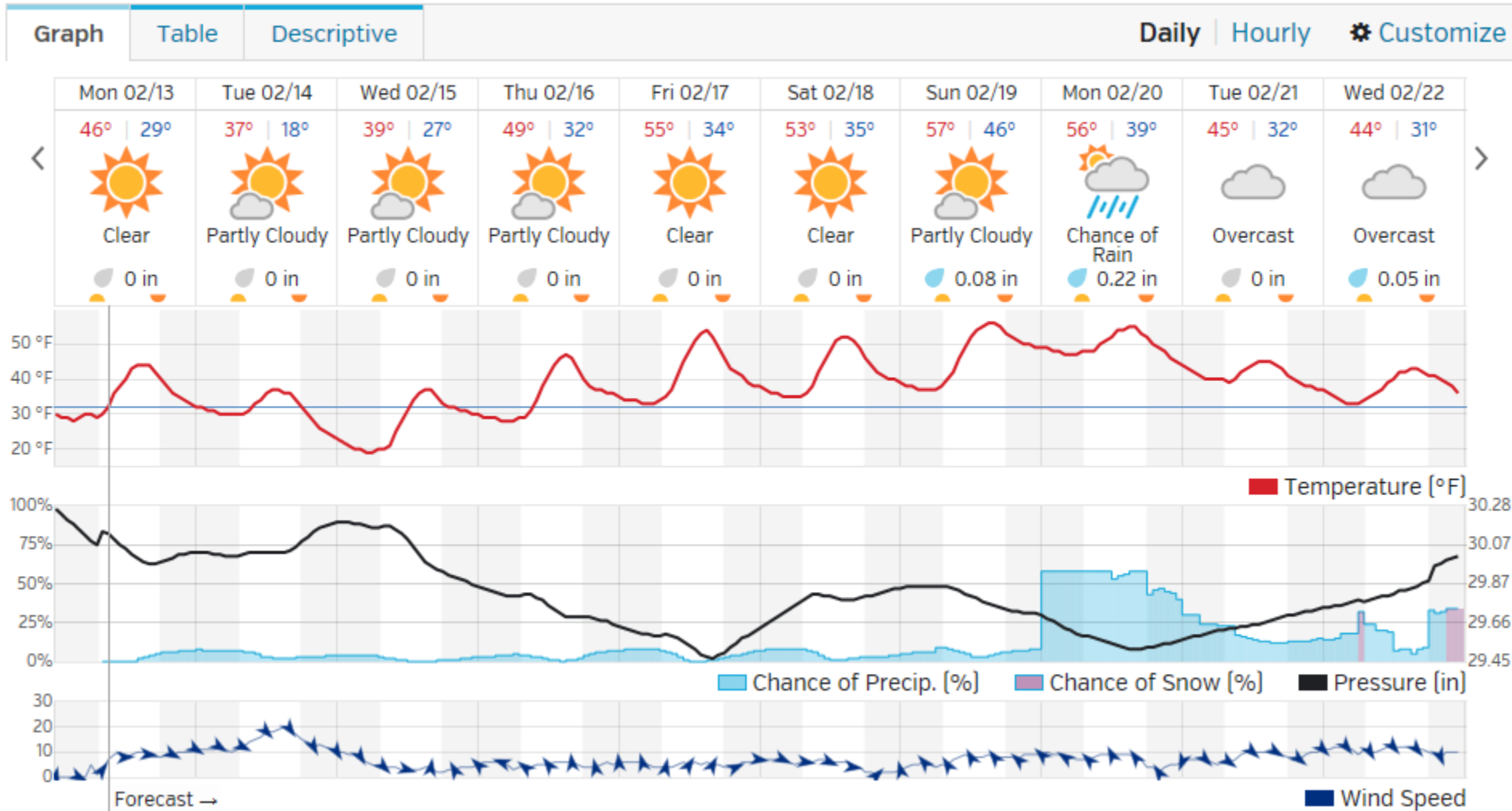
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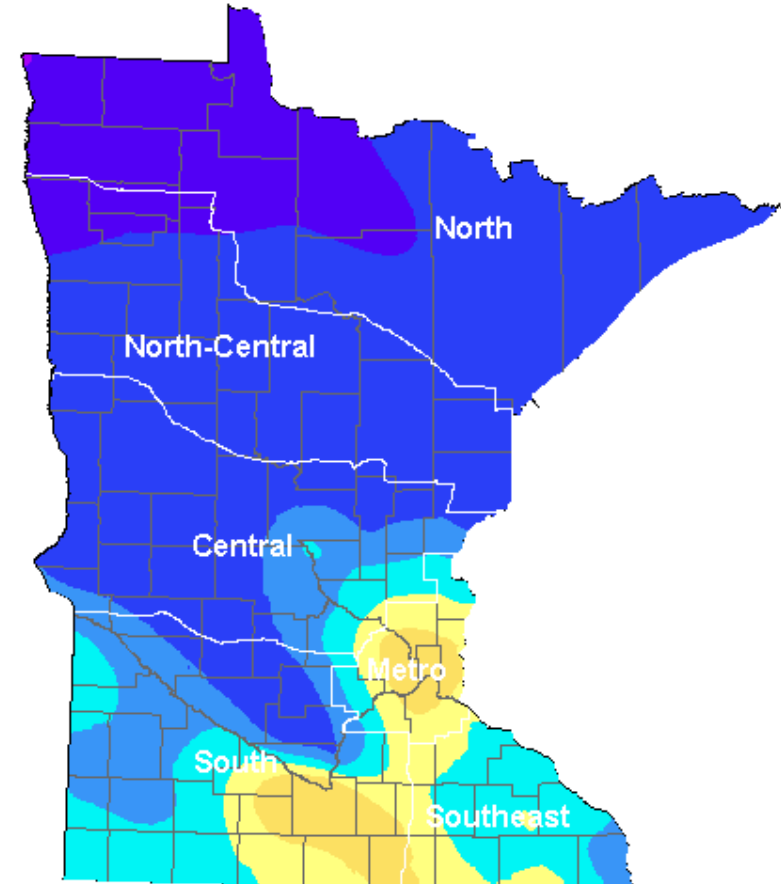
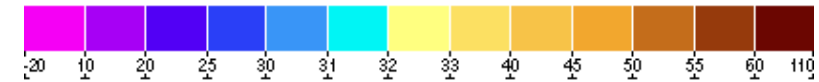
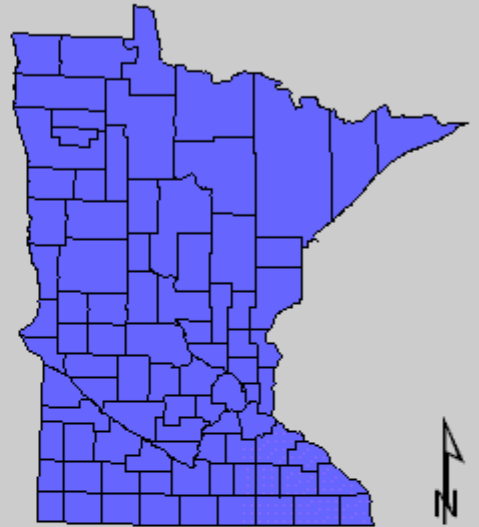
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10-Day Weather Forecast



Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

SLL Update 2016-2017		
Frost Zone	Starting Date	Ending Date
Winter Load Increases (WLI)		
North	Dec 16, 2016	_____
North-Central	Dec 16, 2016	_____
Central	Dec 22, 2016	_____
Metro	Dec 22, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
South	Dec 22, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Southeast	Dec 22, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)		
North	_____	_____
North-Central	_____	_____
Central	_____	_____
Metro	Feb 17, 2017	_____
South	Feb 17, 2017	_____
Southeast	Feb 17, 2017	_____
Middle-Range Overweight Permits		
North	May 04, 2016	_____
North-Central	May 03, 2016	_____
Central	Apr 15, 2016	_____
Metro	Apr 15, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
South	Apr 15, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Southeast	Apr 15, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
Full-Summer Overweight Permits		
North	May 25, 2016	_____
North-Central	May 24, 2016	_____
Central	May 06, 2016	_____
Metro	May 06, 2016	Feb 17, 2017
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Roadway Subgrade(18'') Temperature(F)

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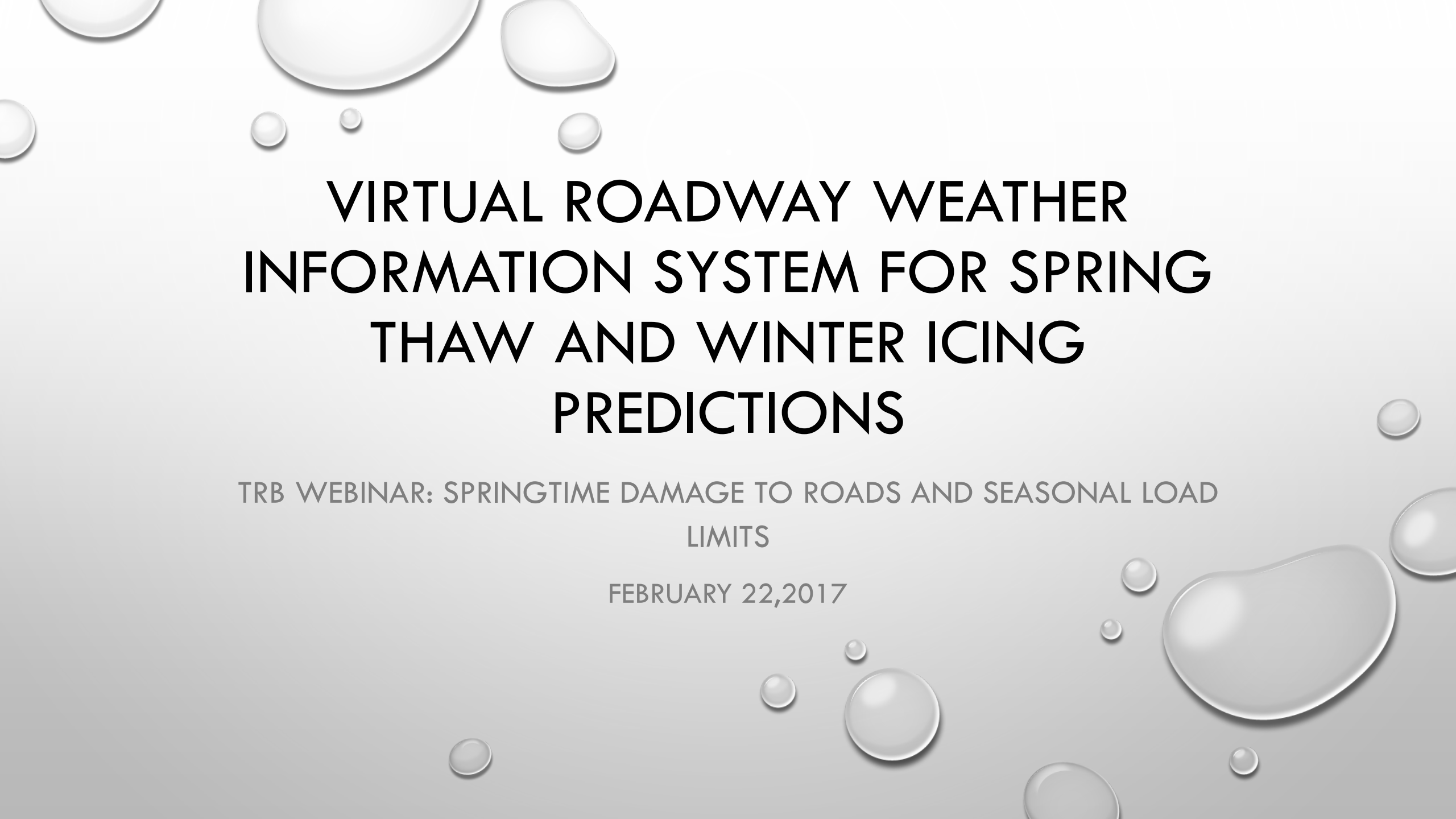
Spring Load Restrictions (SLR)

- In 2002, Spring Load Restrictions were placed in late February in most of the state. March was really cold that year. The North Zone didn't get restricted until over 4 weeks later.

	2006		2005		2004		2003		2002	
	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
North	25-Mar	15-May	26-Mar	20-May	8-Mar	3-May	15-Mar	10-May	27-Mar	22-May
North-Central	24-Mar	15-May	26-Mar	20-May	8-Mar	3-May				
Central	10-Mar	5-May	25-Mar	12-May	1-Mar	26-Apr	15-Mar	10-May	19-Feb	16-Apr
Metro	8-Mar	22-Apr	23-Mar	4-May	27-Feb	19-Apr	15-Mar	2-May	18-Feb	15-Apr
South	8-Mar	22-Apr	23-Mar	4-May	27-Feb	19-Apr	15-Mar	2-May	18-Feb	15-Apr
Southeast	8-Mar	22-Apr	23-Mar	4-May	27-Feb	19-Apr	15-Mar	2-May	18-Feb	15-Apr

Seasonal Load Limits (SLL)

- http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/research/seasonal_load_limits/sllindex.asp
- Use browser to search for “seasonal load limits mn”

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VIRTUAL ROADWAY WEATHER INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR SPRING THAW AND WINTER ICING PREDICTIONS

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PAVEMENT CLIMATE MODELING BACKGROUND

- DEVELOPER OF THE INTEGRATED CLIMATIC MODEL AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN THE 1980S.
 - DEVELOPER OF THE NCHRP MECHANISTIC EMPIRICAL PAVEMENT DESIGN GUIDE.
 - DEVELOPER OF AASHTOWARE ME-DESIGN SOFTWARE
 - DEVELOPER OF THE ARA'S VRWIS SOFTWARE
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WHAT IS VRWIS

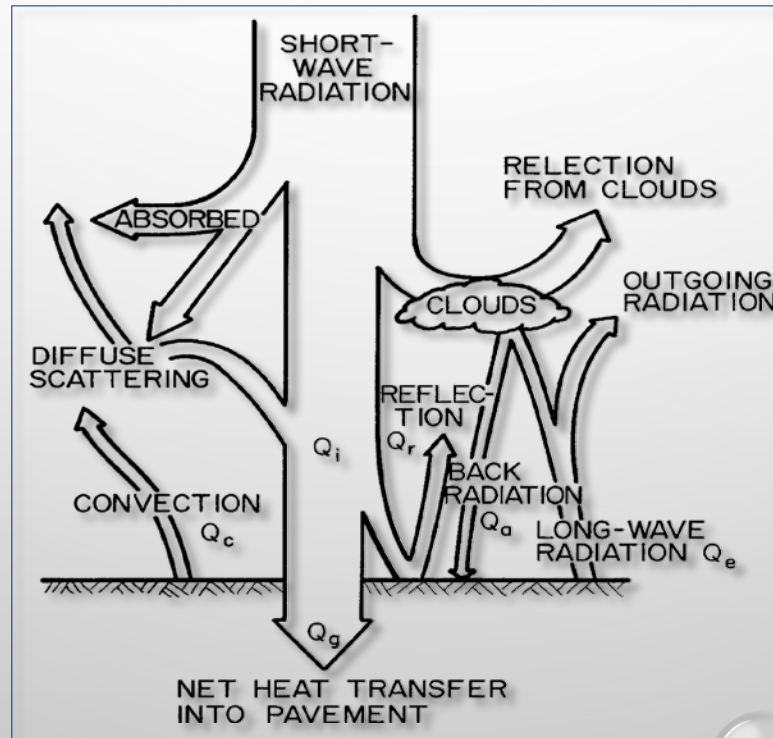
- VIRTUAL ROADWAY WEATHER INFORMATION SYSTEM (VRWIS) IS A WEB-BASED SYSTEM THAT TELLS YOU THE PAVEMENT TEMPERATURE AND FROST CONDITIONS IN REAL TIME AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- VRWIS DOES NOT USE IN-PAVEMENT SENSORS, RATHER USES PAVEMENT PROPERTIES AND WEATHER DATA TO MODEL THE TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PAVEMENT SECTION
- THE VRWIS FREEZE-THAW FEATURE PROVIDES THE FROST PENETRATION AND THAWING IN THE PAVEMENT SECTION, WHICH IS USEFUL INFORMATION FOR DETERMINING LOAD RESTRICTIONS DURING SPRING THAWS
- THE VRWIS SYSTEM USES THE SAME INTEGRATED CLIMATIC MODEL FOR TEMPERATURE AND MOISTURE PREDICTIONS AS THE AASHTOWARE ME-DESIGN SOFTWARE.

VRWIS FEATURES

- ONLY COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE **ROADWAY ICING** AND **SUBGRADE FREEZE-THAW** PREDICTIONS.
- **INTUITIVE GRAPHICS** TO SIGNAL THE NEXT ICING OR FREEZE-THAW EVENT
- POWERFUL ZOOM AND VISUALIZATION FEATURES USING **GOOGLE EARTH®** AND **GOOGLE MAPS**
- CURRENT AND FORECASTED WEATHER DATA FROM WEATHER UNDERGROUND, A FORECASTING SYSTEM THAT LEVERAGES DATA FROM **42,000 WEATHER STATIONS** FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY
- **HOURLY UPDATES** OF ALL DATA, INCLUDING FORECASTS OF PAVEMENT SURFACE TEMPERATURES, ROADWAY ICING EVENTS, AND SUBGRADE FROST AND THAW DEPTHS.

INTEGRATED CLIMATIC MODEL (ICM)

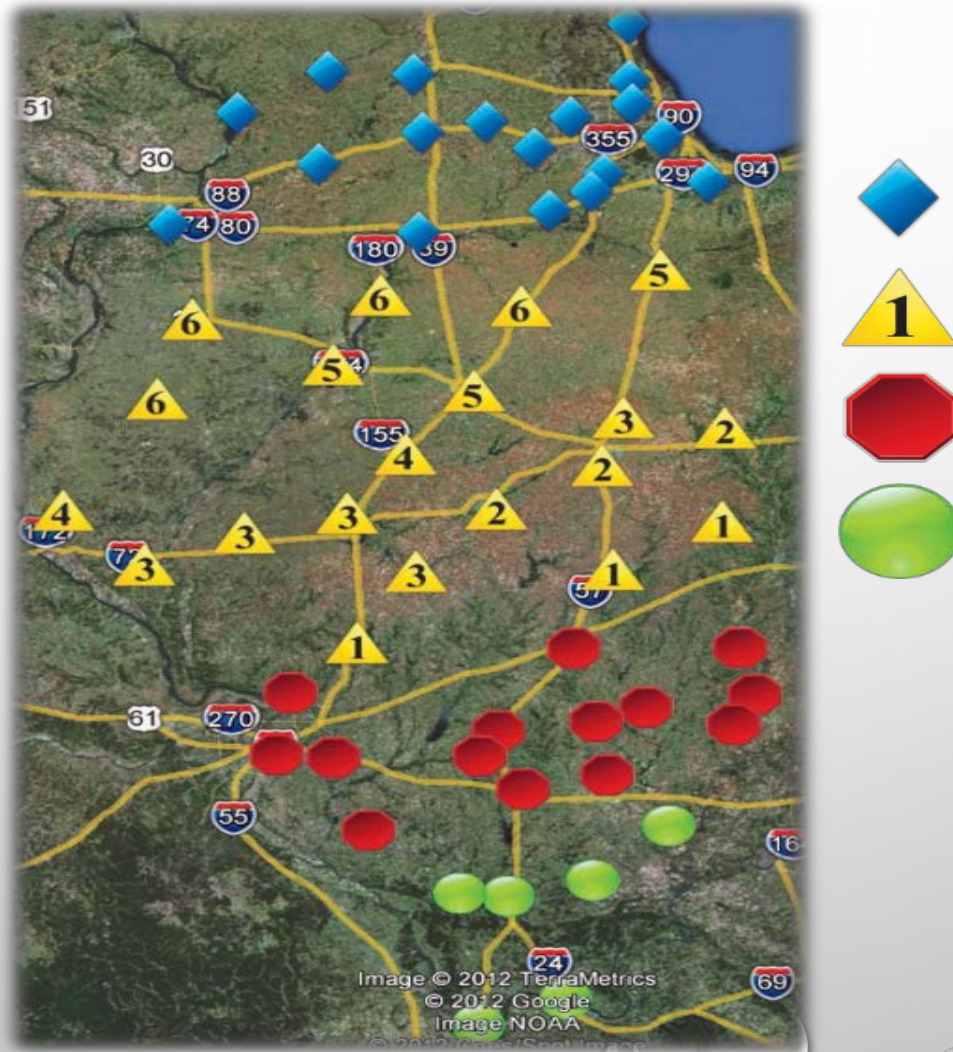
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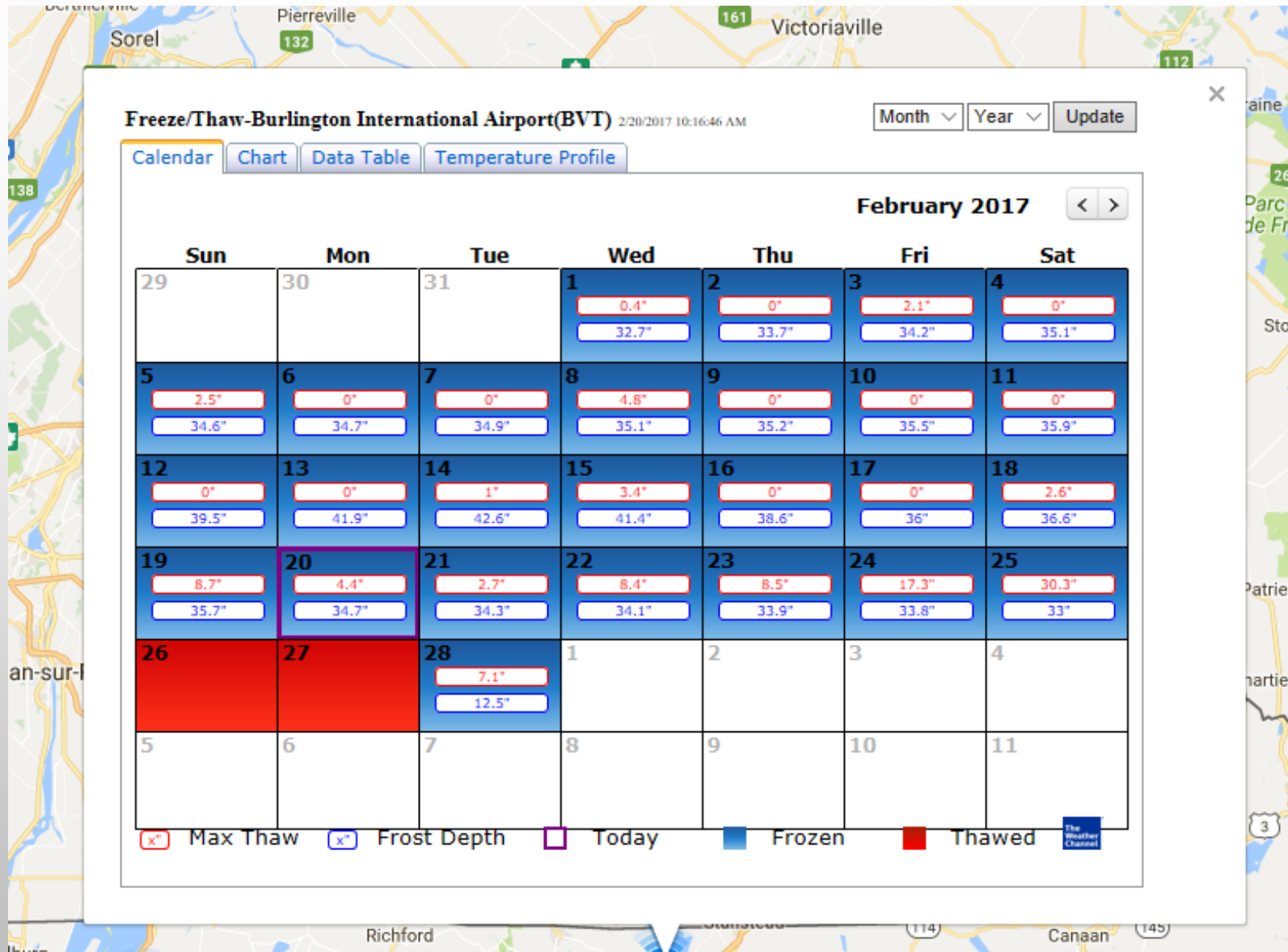
WHAT TURNS THE ICM INTO VRWIS

- USE OF THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND DATABASE OF HISTORICAL AND FORECAST DATA.
- HOURLY WEATHER FORECAST FOR 3, 7 AND 14 DAYS.
- ABILITY TO RUN 1000S OF ICM ANALYSES ON AN HOURLY BASIS.

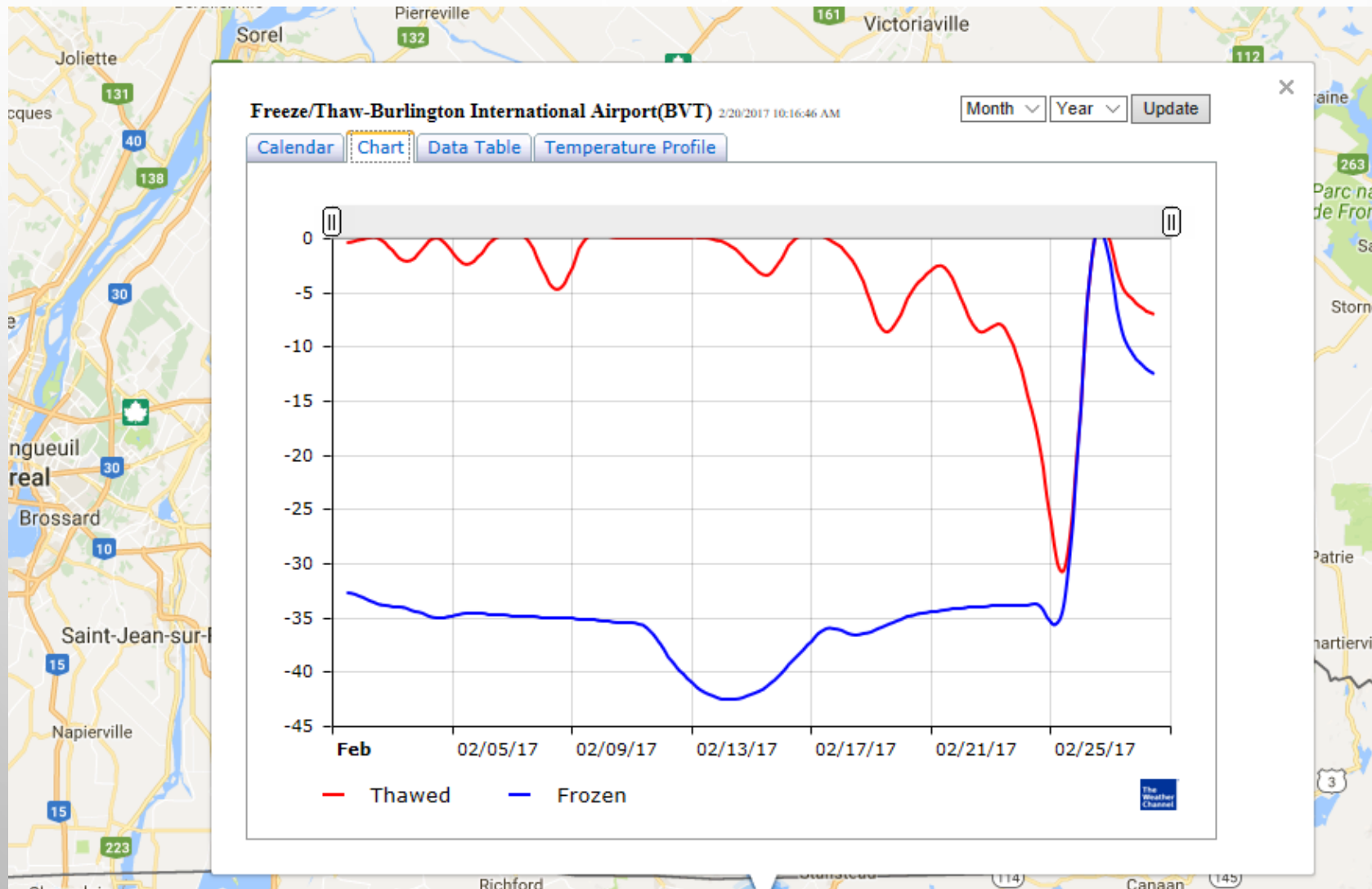
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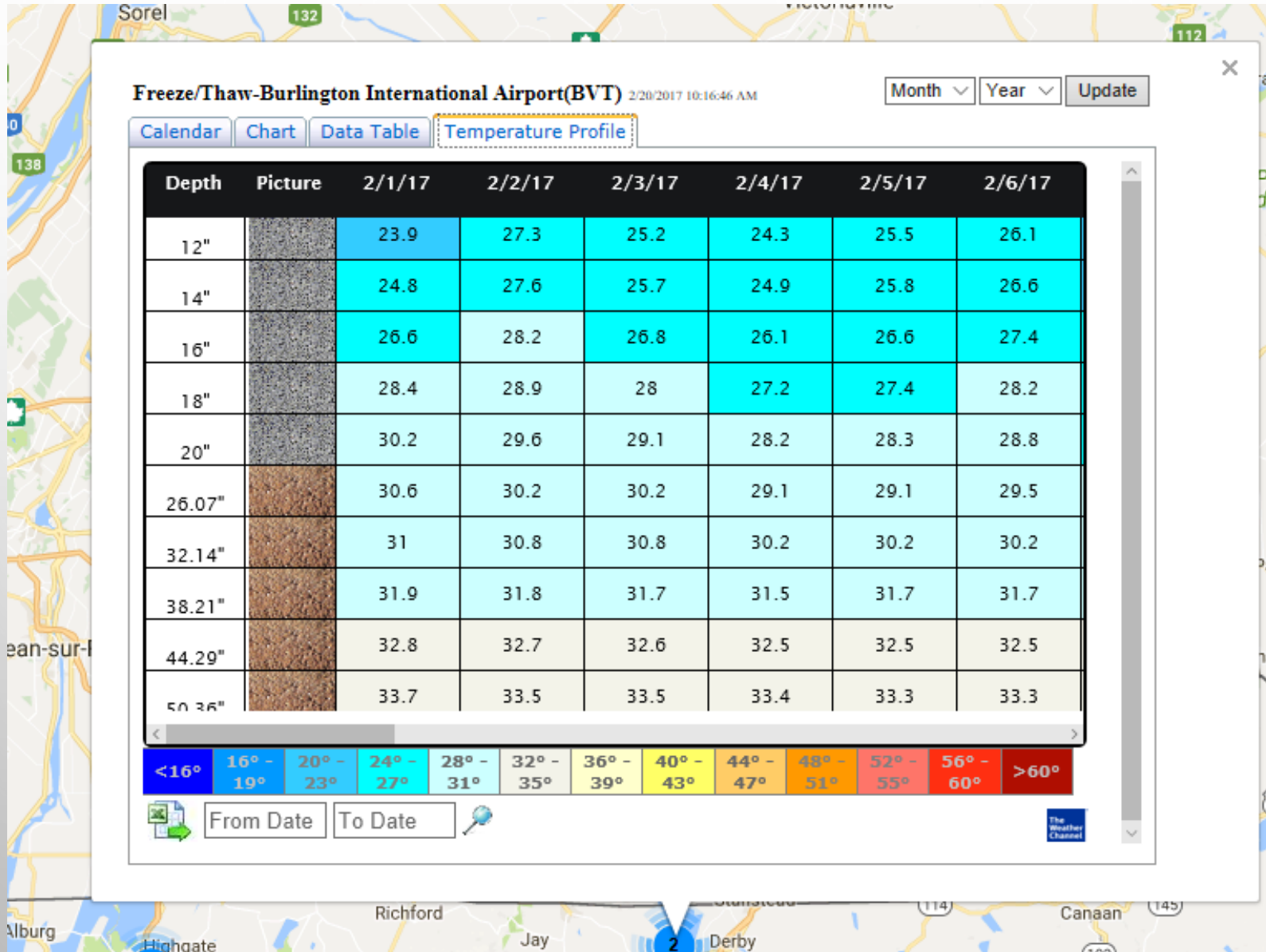
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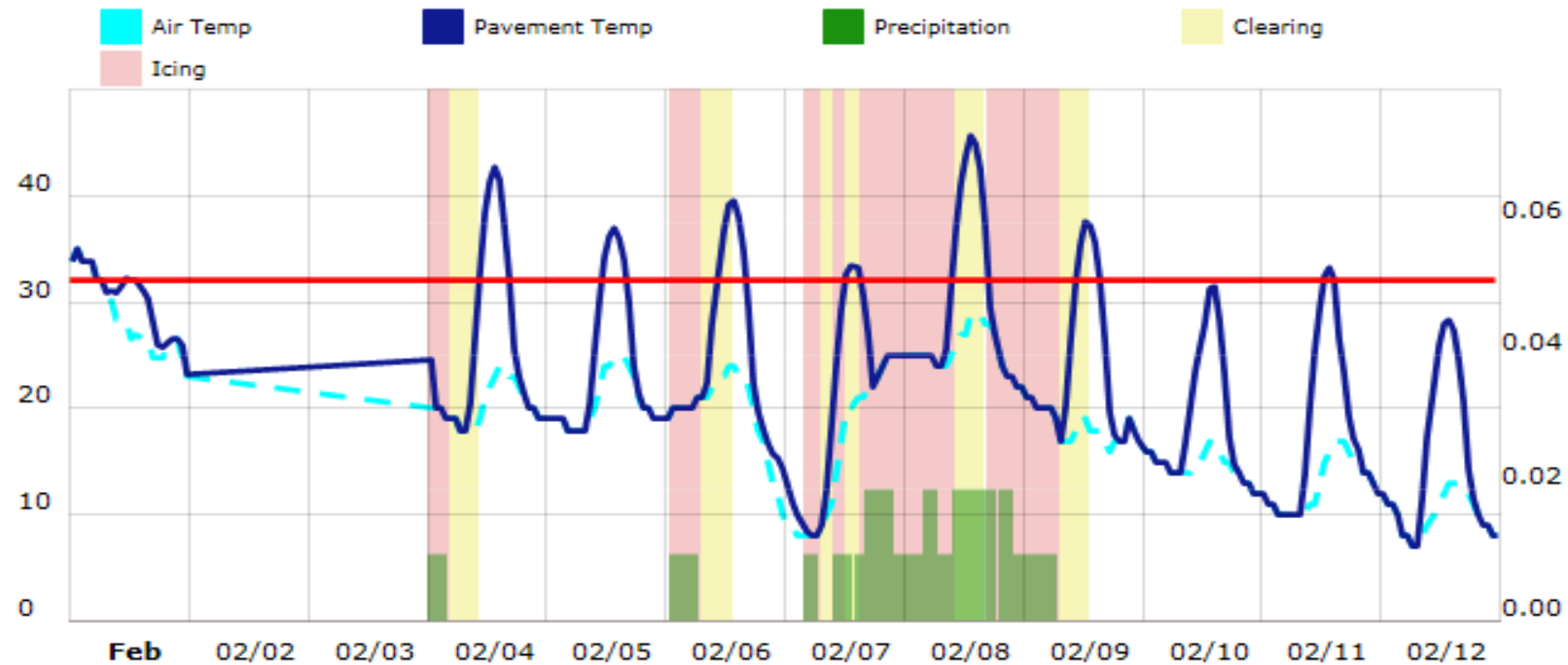
VRWIS ICING PREDICTIONS

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Month Year Update

Calendar Chart Data Table

From: 02-01-2016 to: 02-13-2016 Zoom: 1 day 2 day 5 day 7 day 15 day MAX




Feb 02/03/2016 02/05/2016 02/07/2016 02/09/2016 02/11/2016

LIVE SOFTWARE DEMONSTRATION

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