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H1 - TCH – Sicamous to Golden

Earlier this afternoon, TCH from Revelstoke to Golden was closed and remains closed) due to heavy blowing snow that's causing limited visibility.

Also natural avalanches were impacting the highway and there was a high avalanche hazard.

Now, the TCH from Sicamous to Revelstoke is being closed for simple reasons as mentioned above. Traffic is being flushed out to avoid anyone being stuck on the highway.

The highway will remain closed at least until tomorrow morning as our crews cannot safely work outside of daylight.

Coquihalla

Rain has been falling all day and continues this evening.

MC (YRB) has done an excellent job with salt, sand and ice blading resulting in H5 remaining open all day.

Avalanche Risk

Highways 1, 3, 5A, 20, 99, 23, 31 and sideroads in the Lillooet area have all been impacted by closures today due to avalanche control or natural avalanches impacting the highway.

Travel advisories are out for all corridors notifying of increased risk and to only travel if necessary.

MC Operations

Maintenance Contractors across the region have done an incredible job responding to this storm and in very challenging conditions.

Ministry staff reporting all major corridors within specifications, and no serious incidents reported.

Weather

Snowfall has ranged from less than 5cm to 30+ cm in the region, with some reports of freezing rain in Thompson and Cariboo.

Expecting the storm to taper off this evening with drier conditions for Christmas Day, followed by another storm Monday\Tuesday that is likely to bring increased avalanche activity.

With the drier conditions expected tomorrow, no regular updates planned and we will return to updating only major incidents.

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Current Weather\Forecast

- SIR continues to see typical winter conditions across the region, with moderate accumulations (2-10cm) and temperatures still ranging from -10 to -20 degrees. Majority of concerns are limited visibility due to blowing snow.
- Starting early Saturday morning heavy snowfall will begin in the southwest of the region, with risk of freezing rain in the Similkameen, Canyon and the Coquihalla in the afternoon.
 - Accumulations are expected to be between 5cm to 30cm across the region by end of day.
- Sunday we are expecting drier conditions but tracking another significant storm to occur on Monday that could bring 30+cm of snowfall in areas of the region.

Maintenance Contractor Activities

- MC's have been out in full force across the region plowing and sanding and roads are in good winter conditions.
- Subcontractors have been called in various parts of the region to support the response heading into the weekend.
- Coq Protocol ended at 1:30 today with no issues reported. Scheduled to start again at 0700 tomorrow.
- Kicking Horse Bridges – MC continues to bail and break ice at the bridges. EMCR looped in with Golden
- Traffic Control is on standby for Hwy 1, 3 and 5 to close access to the lower mainland if required.
- Avalanche control expected to occur during the weekend on various highways and sideroads in Lillooet area.

Incident Reports

- There have been minor incidents across the region with reports of drivers not driving to the conditions and unsafe passing. This has resulted in a few rear enders of passenger vehicles impacting slower moving commercial vehicles due to poor visibility.
- Traffic volumes are lighter than normal on the Coquihalla and 97C

Travel Advisories

- A travel advisory has been issued for Hwy 20 Anahim Lake to Bella Coola due to the freezing rain.
- A travel advisory will be issued this afternoon for Hwy 3 Hope to Hedley and Hwy 1 Fraser Canyon due to the heavy snowfall, risk of freezing rain and avalanche closures.

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- Region wide received 10 -20 cm of snow, lower amounts in the cariboo region.
- Temps are ranging from -30 in areas of the east Kootenay and cariboo to warmer -10 in areas in west Kootenay
- Roads are compact or compact with bare wheel paths throughout and generally in specifications (90% with side roads having higher accumulations.
- No major incidents, one MVI reaching media- passengaer bus and semi on 97c however no injuries and a second bus was sent to the scene to pick up passengers, other minor incidents reported throughout no injuries or road closures associated

YRB had two separate incidents with vehicles hitting snowplows when attempting to pass. Regulatory signs prohibit this action.

- The first occurred on phase 2 near Helmer - a semi passing a wing plow on the right, damaged wing of plow truck and semi off road right and damaged. No injuries and plow is still operable without the wing.
- The second occurring near Desmond hill on phase 2- a passenger vehicle that attempted to pass between two plows plowing in tandem. Again no injuries, damage to the passenger vehicle and only minor damage to plows

Temps are forecasted to warm as we head into the weekend so expecting an uptick in avalanche activity and quickly changing winter driving conditions

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