How WYDOT shares critical road closure data to save lives in severe weather

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Cheyenne averages 58 inches of snow a year, Casper averages 70 inches and the mountains receive far greater amounts.  The snowiest months of the year are March and April. When heavy snow and high winds combine, it’s necessary for the Wyoming Department of Transportation to close interstate highways. But WYDOT is now able to provide up-to-date information on road conditions and closures to third-parties like Google and WAZE with the goal to reduce the number of drivers stranded during severe weather.

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| @ :00Lower third:Suzie Roseberry, GIS/ITS Developer, Wyoming Department of Transportation | Last year we had a very tough winter and during one event towards the beginning of the season we had 28 search and rescues in just one county alone.  |
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| @ :14Lower third:Vince GarciaGIS/ITS ManagerWyoming Department of Transportation | The navigation companies will often times take people and try to route them around, on interstate closure for example, and put them on a county road. Many times those county roads are not maintained they could be completely drifted they could be impassible. |
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| @ :39Lower third:Suzie Roseberry, GIS/ITS Developer, Wyoming Department of Transportation | So we are going to be pushing that data to a repository called the situation data exchange or the SDX that is kind of the nationwide one-stop shop for data consumers and data providers. So that any navigation company could come in grab our data and be able to feed that into their systems.  |
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| @ :42Full screen graphic: To learn more about how WYDOT and USDOT are sharing critical road closure data to save lives in severe weather**,** visit wyoroad.info. | Shot of snow for tag backgroundREPORTER VOICE OVER TAGWyoming residents and visitors can visit WYDOT’s Travel Information Service website at wyoroad.info for the latest information on road conditions and closures, including an interactive travel information map.  |