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“Wx Horizon - first impressions and powering winter maintenance decision making with IoT sensing”

What does the 'average' winter look like in Aberdeenshire?



What do we need in order to manage winter?



How we have used WxHorizon in Aberdeenshire



WxHorizon – key points



The integration of DRS611 IoT sensors



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What does the 'average' winter look like in Aberdeenshire?

- 5,581km of carriageway and 1,470km of footway in Aberdeenshire
- 32 Primary Treatment Routes - approx. 30% of total network
- Over last 5 seasons;
- Average of 44,284T of salt used each year
- Average of 47,306 man hours each year
- Average of 125 treatment days each year
- Average cost of winter is £5,815,241

What do we need in order to manage winter?

Manpower

Fleet

Salt

Budget

Forecast data

Actual road condition data

A clear decision making process – flowcharts



Currently trialling alongside
Vaisala Manager and MetDesk
forecasting data



Team of 6 Winter Duty Officers



WxHorizon is
currently an
addition to our
current methods

- Used to
enhance and
inform the
decision
making
process

How have
we used
WxHorizon?

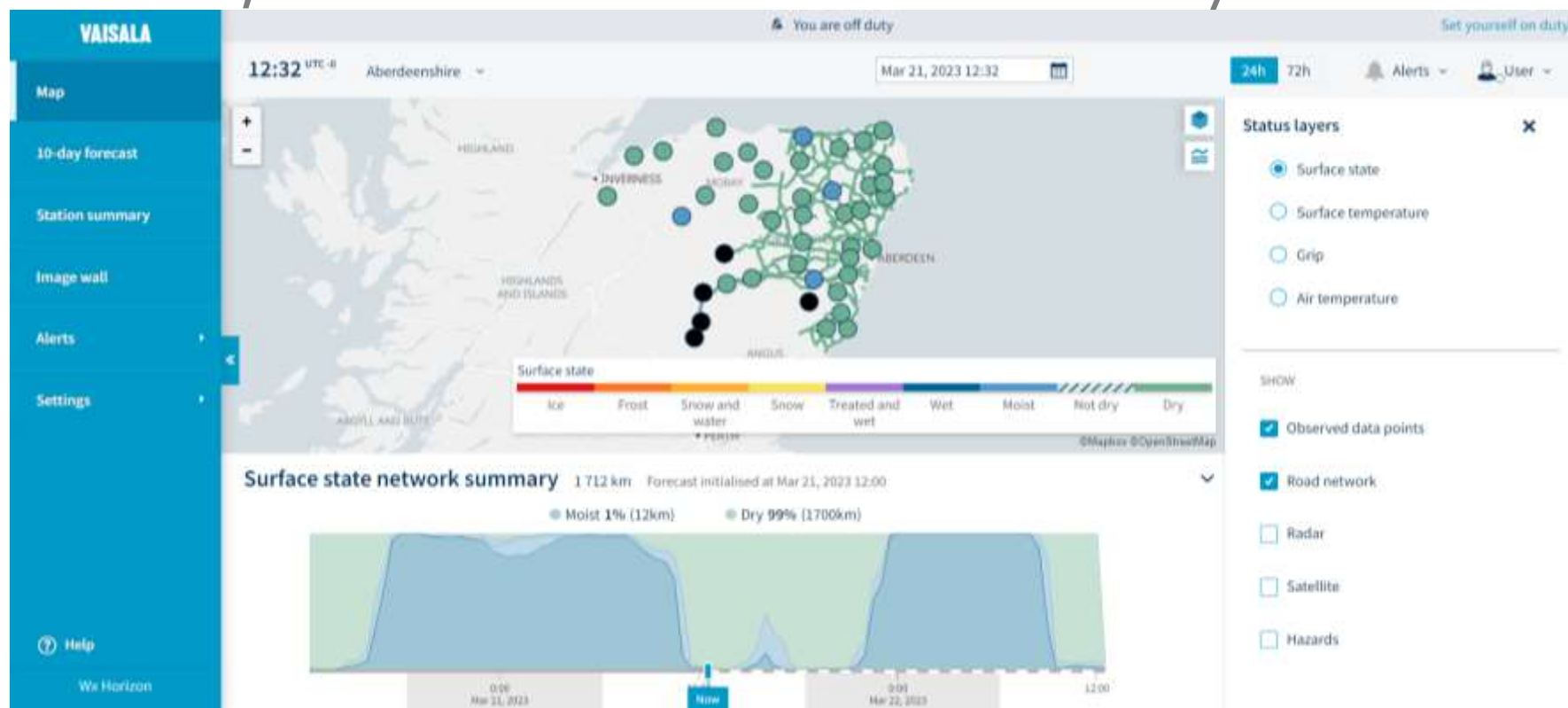


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Key Points;

- Clear, visible data that is user friendly





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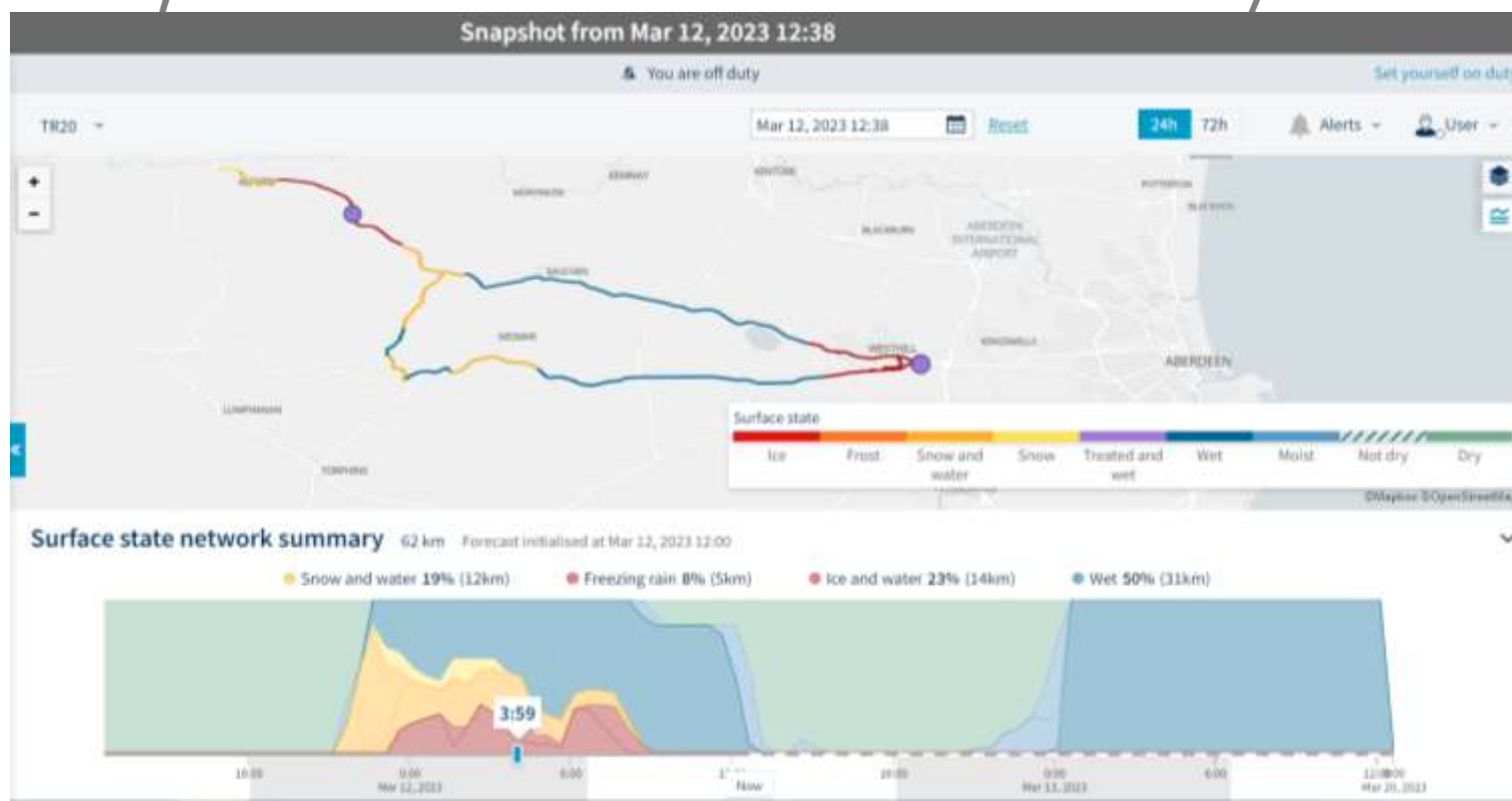


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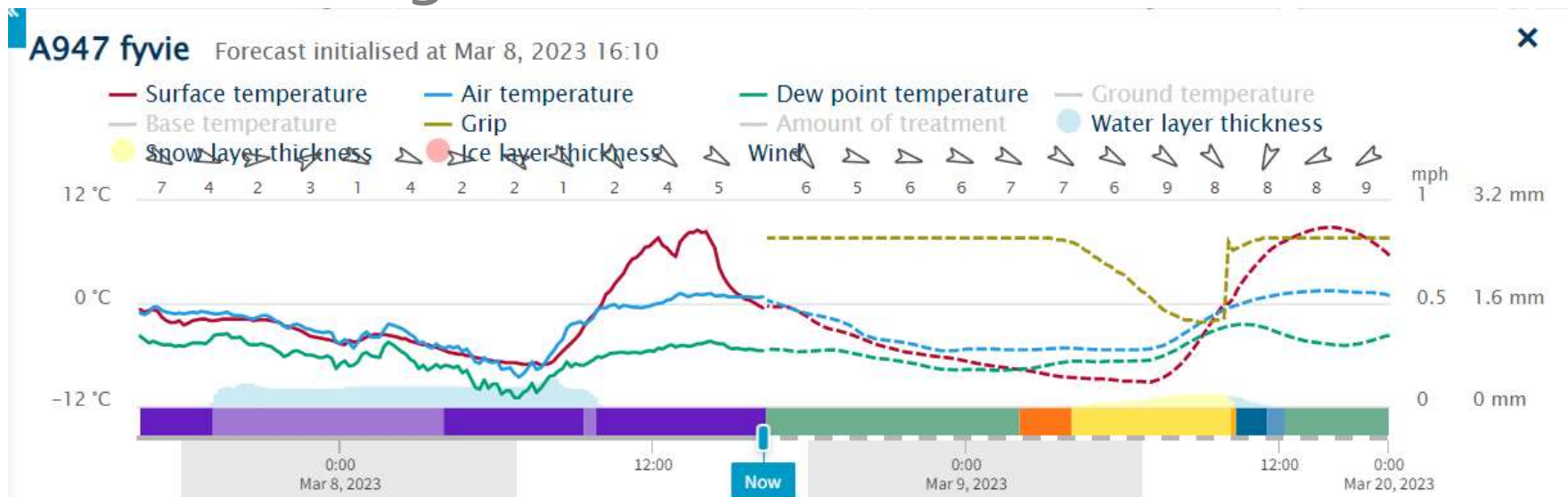
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Key Points;

- Alert function

Activation: Trigger alert when

- ☒ Observations/analysis: trigger when alert conditions are met
- ☐ Forecast: trigger h min in advance

Quick options

1 h

3 h

6 h

12 h




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- Alert function

Alert conditions 

Select parameter ^

Solidus temperature

Surface grip

Surface state

Surface temperature

Total precipitation intensity

Total precipitation, 24 hours

Visibility

Water layer thickness

Wind direction

Surface temperature

0 h

30 min

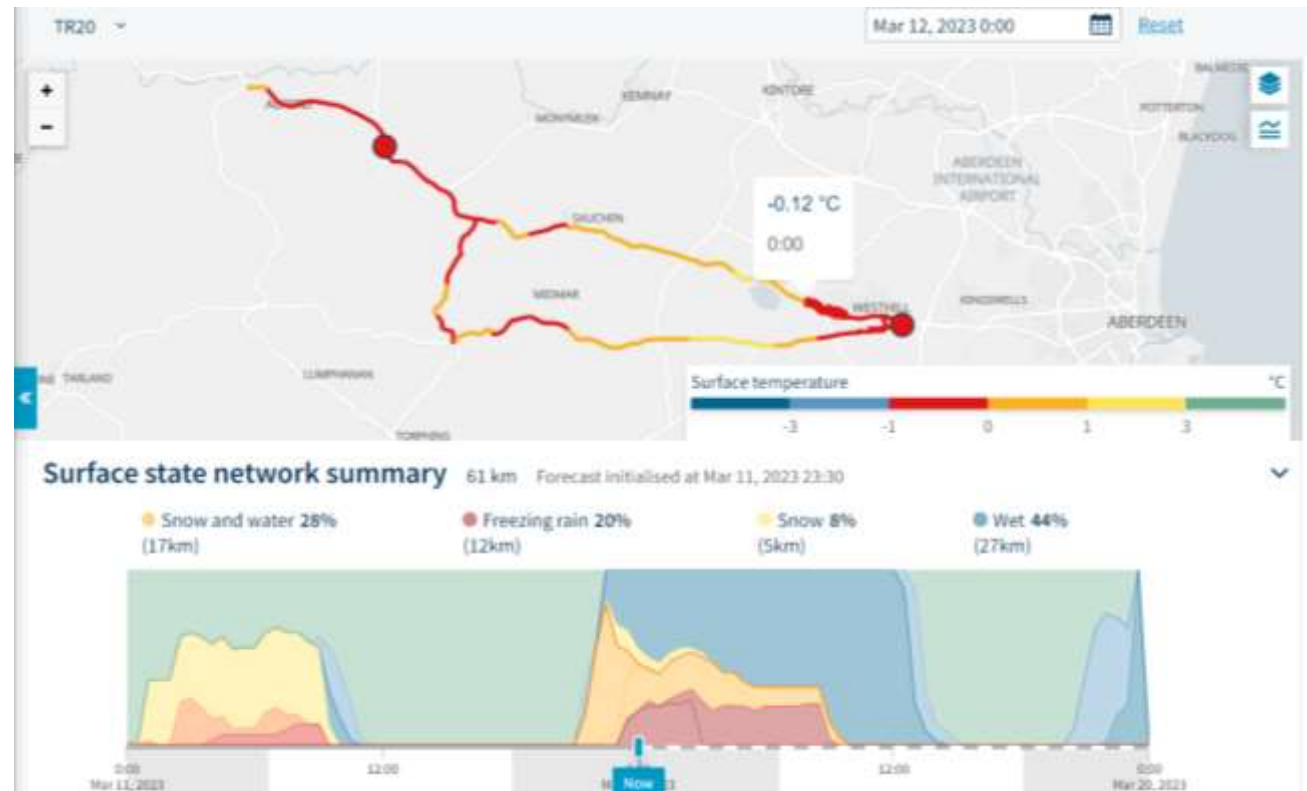
2 h

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AND

OR

- Network Assessment feature



Restricted



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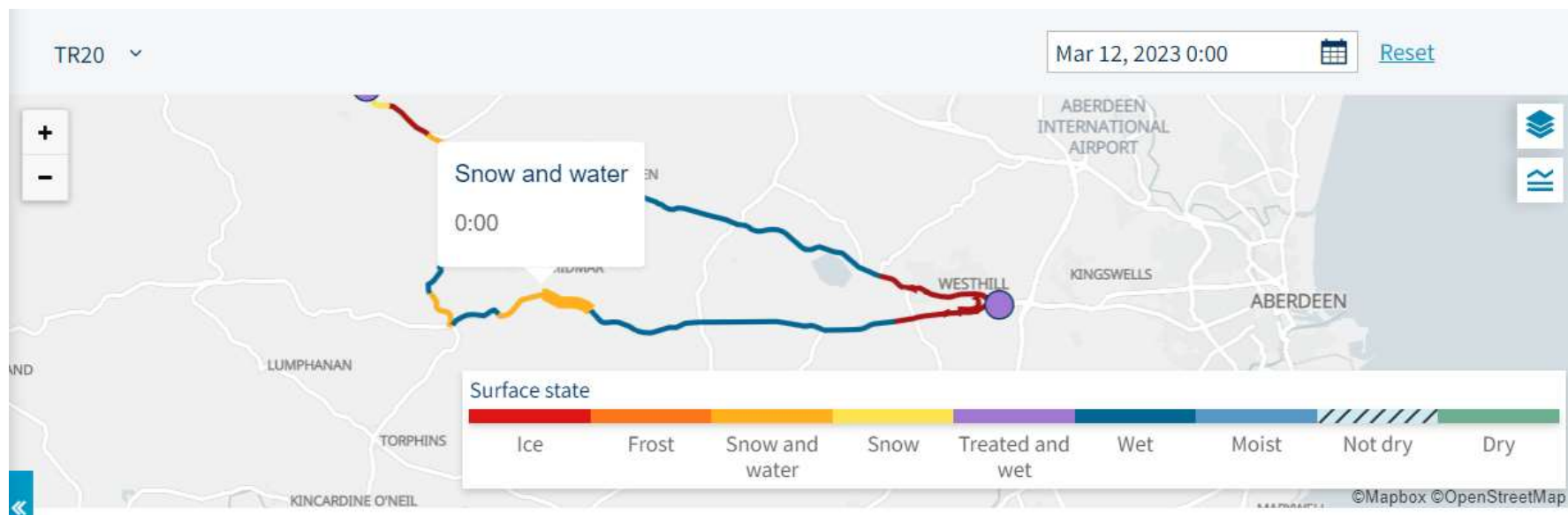
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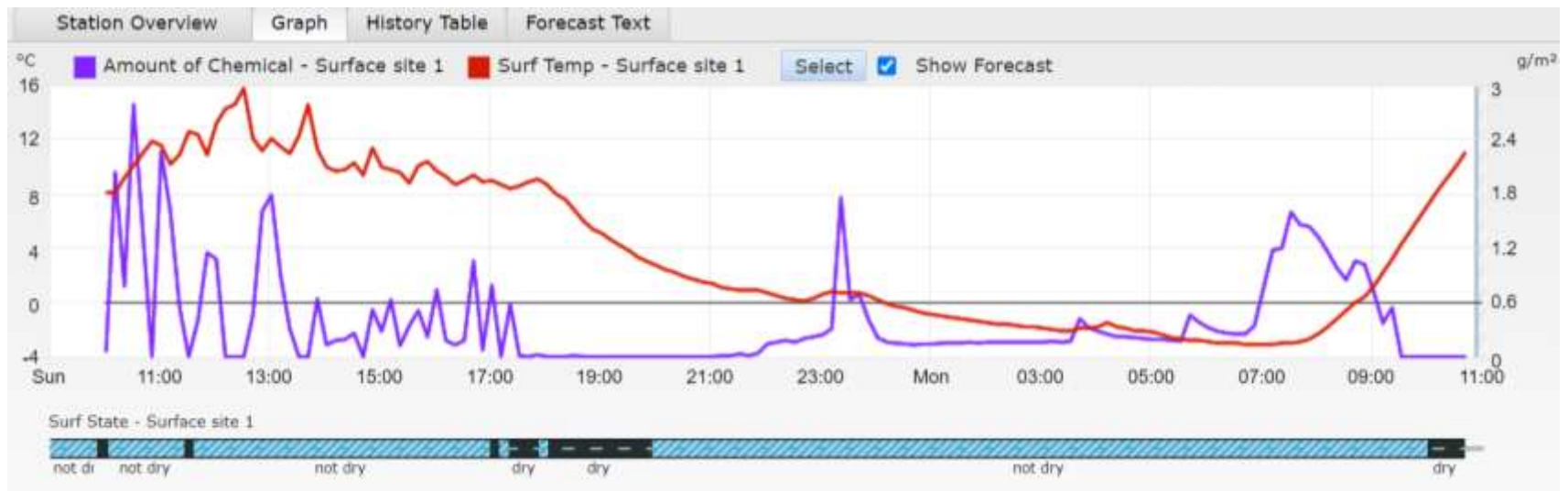


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The integration of DRS611 IoT Sensors

9 DRS611 Sensors were installed throughout the network for start of 21-22 season





The integration of DRS611 IoT Sensors

More data for our decision-making process



Increased visibility
throughout the network



Accuracy of readings
($\pm 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$)



Efficiency of install

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THANK YOU!



ANY QUESTIONS?

