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WINTER WEATHER RESPONSE EARNS COMMISSIONER'S MERIT AWARD

ATLANTA, Ga. – Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner, Russell McMurry proudly announces the Winter Weather Response Teams were honored at this year's District Employee Appreciation Day with the 2015 Commissioner's Merit Award. The Area One and Area Four Winter Weather Teams responded boldly in Dawson, Lumpkin and White Counties February 16, 2015 to open access in spite of winter precipitation.

Monday, February 16th winter weather isolated Dawson and Lumpkin Counties. Ice began to accumulate at 6 p.m. and within 30 minutes trees were falling into the roadway bringing down utilities and shutting off access to all state routes in Dawson and Lumpkin Counties. Motorists were stranded in their vehicles trapped by fallen trees and utility lines.

McMurry said, "Maintaining access on our network of state routes during emergency weather situations ensures the safety of our Citizens and Families. These GDOT Teams worked 18 hour shifts to plow snow, spread salt and remove debris. The trees had to be cut and pulled from the roadway by hand, one at a time. This backbreaking work in frigid temperatures was a heroic response to me. Georgia DOT opened our routes for use allowing emergency responders and utility companies into the area within 24 hours of the start of icing. Join me in congratulating these Teams for their outstanding work despite the dangerous conditions in Dawson and Lumpkin Counties."

Members of the Winter Weather Team:

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Addis</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Corazzini</i>	<i>Andy</i>	<i>Goss</i>
<i>Jerry</i>	<i>Allen</i>	<i>T.J.</i>	<i>Cowart</i>	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Goss</i>
<i>Travis</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Danny</i>	<i>Crane</i>	<i>Doug</i>	<i>Grizzle</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Berry</i>	<i>Timothy</i>	<i>Davenport</i>	<i>Lamar</i>	<i>Grizzle</i>
<i>Anthony</i>	<i>Boggs</i>	<i>Jerry</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Toby</i>	<i>Hammonds</i>
<i>Frank</i>	<i>Boggs</i>	<i>Rex</i>	<i>Edwards</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>Henry</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Bradshaw</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Eller</i>	<i>Farrell</i>	<i>Henslee</i>
<i>Jody</i>	<i>Bridges</i>	<i>Justin</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Hodnett</i>
<i>Robbie</i>	<i>Brittain</i>	<i>Scott</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Holden</i>
<i>Danny</i>	<i>Broome</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Houck</i>
<i>Shane</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>Houck</i>
<i>Johnny</i>	<i>Cantrell</i>	<i>Slade</i>	<i>Gabriel</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Jackson</i>
<i>Eli</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>Mitch</i>	<i>Garmon</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Jananeh</i>
<i>Jesse</i>	<i>Chamblee</i>	<i>Rodney</i>	<i>Gilreath</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Chappell</i>	<i>Jerry</i>	<i>Gilreath</i>	<i>Steve</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Jimmy</i>	<i>Chester</i>	<i>Darren</i>	<i>Gilreath</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Lovell</i>
<i>Will</i>	<i>Cole</i>	<i>Glen</i>	<i>Gosnell</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Lunsford</i>

D.J.	McClure	James A	Plott	Danny	Stover
Terry	McDonald	Joel	Posteen	Jerry	Thomason
Bobby	Miller	Mike	Reems	Steve	Thompson
Bryan	Morgan	Ricky	Richardson	Roger	Toney
John	Newberry	Phil	Satterfield	Mark	Turpin
Frank	Nichols	Dwayne	Sexton	Derek	Wade
Jody	Norton	Michael	Sheppard	Todd	Watson
Ryan	Osborne	Lynn	Shook	Josh	Welborn
Charlie	Painter	Ken	Simpson	Don	Welborn
Sam	Panah	Steven	Singleton	Charles	Wilson
Scott	Parker	Jimmy	Smallwood	Doug	Wood
Kris	Phillips	Ethan	Stephens	Reggie	Wright
Michael	Pierce	Chad	Stewart	Shaun	York

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