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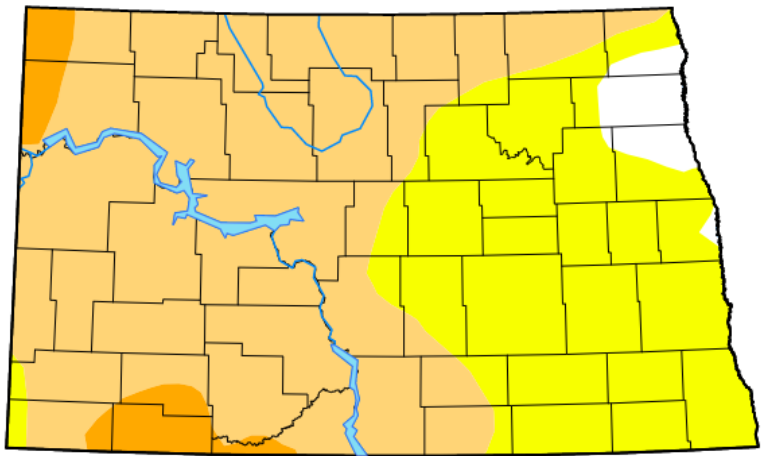


SECRETARY OF AG VISITS FARGO

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue visited Fargo on Friday, his first visit to North Dakota since his nomination last year. Gov. Burgum accompanied Perdue on his visit, along with Sen. John Hoeven, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp and Congressman Kevin Cramer, to a USDA ag research facility, a commodity group round table discussion and a meeting with members of the NDSU Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter. The visit gave Gov. Burgum the opportunity to discuss issues important to North Dakotans, including drought relief and the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill. The governor has met several times with Perdue, part of his administration's ongoing commitment to fostering strong relationships with federal officials.

DROUGHT PREPARATIONS RAMPING UP

The Governor's office, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, continues to monitor drought conditions. The latest drought map released this week shows much of the state experiencing either abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions. Next week, members of the State Drought/Wildfire Unified Command will resume their biweekly meetings that began last June when Gov. Burgum signed an executive order declaring a drought emergency. Funding released last year by the State Water Commission to support emergency livestock water supply projects also is still available. Find more information at ndresponse.gov.



GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT ERICKSON'S INVESTITURE

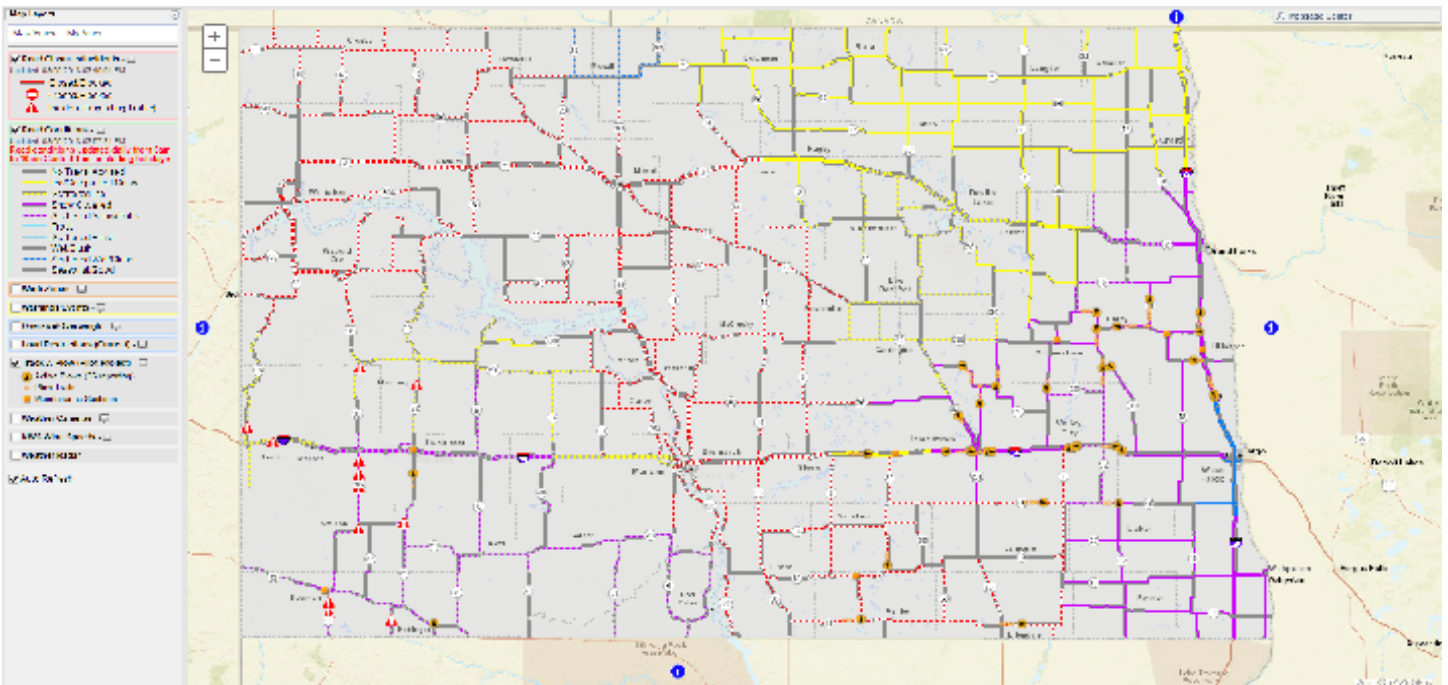
Governor Burgum attended the investiture for Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Ralph Erickson on Friday. At the ceremony, the governor gave remarks and lauded Judge Erickson for his long career of dedication to the law. Prior to his appointment to the Eighth Circuit by President Trump, Erickson served as a U.S. District Court judge for 14 years.





LT. GOVERNOR VISITS FMWF CHAMBER

Lt. Governor Sanford visited the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce on Thursday to address the Public Policy Committee. While there, he shared an update on the Main Street Initiative, one of the administration's five strategic initiatives. The FMWF Chamber represents more than 2,100 businesses in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The Public Policy Committee serves as the advocacy arm of the organization, working to promote pro-business policies across the state.



WINTER STORM HITS STATE

Heavy snowfall, rain and ice impacted most of the state Sunday night through Tuesday. The winter storm made travel difficult and caused the closure of numerous schools and state office buildings across the state. The Governor's Office, along with the North Dakota Department of Transportation and North Dakota Highway Patrol, monitored weather and road conditions during the storm to ensure public safety. It also marked the first major storm since the NDDOT's implementation of the Track-A-Plow program. The feature can be found on the NDDOT's travel information map.