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Snow Update 2/24/2013 12:00 PM

Here's a synopsis of the storm and the plan for the next 24 hours.

Accumulations were sufficient to begin operations by about 10:00 this morning. At mid-day, a big pulse pushed through the city dumping large amounts of snow. It has been snowing continuously all day. Skies are clearing now.

This storm has been classified as a major event. With the winds, it also qualifies as a blizzard event. These measurements can be subjective. It has been a while since we have experienced a strong upslope storm, so our perspective may be a bit skewed. I did see that DIA cancelled 300 flights today. That is a good, objective indication that this is an unusually large storm.

We will be working overnight to get things cleared before sunrise. We have plenty of staff and equipment to make that happen.

There is at least one weather source that says we may get one more pulse by 1:00 AM. So, sites that were cleared early may have some accumulation on top tomorrow morning. We will continue operations until all areas are clear.

Looking forward, we expect winds to continue. We will be returning every 8-12 hours clearing drifting snow until the wind stops blowing and/or the snow has settled.

The next chance for snow is mid-day Tuesday.

We realize the weather is an inconvenience, but we are thankful for the moisture. What we put up with now will make a huge difference this July.

Thank you,

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