

WISSARD Daily Report, January 10th, 2013



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Personnel in Transit: Delayed in Christchurch: Alberto Behar, Brian Guthrie, Mike Osment, Reed Scherer

Science Update:

- The GPS Team (Tulaczyk C-521-M) is preparing for deep field deployment; for the third day, weather is delaying their put-in; they expect to be in the field by the 11th of January.
- The remainder of the SLW team continues to optimize field plans. Final equipment is being put into the science cargo system. Retro cargo was also discussed.
- An all-hands meeting was held to discuss scenarios for WISSARD Borehole and Science Operations. A Borehole operation worksheet was developed to track operations.
- Instrument and sampling protocols were reviewed and refined.
- A detailed borehole operations spreadsheet was shared for comment to streamline the personnel schedule for 24 hr operations.

Outreach update

- WISSARD embedded photographer JT Thomas traveled to the WISSARD Traverse via twin otter to capture aerial footage of the traverse as it moves towards Subglacial Lake Whillans.
- A press release is being drafted for distribution.
- An article about WISSARD is being written by the New York Times, the ExComm were interviewed in mid-December; images with captions were prepared.

Traverse Update: January 9th

- We are getting closer!!, 61 miles closer, with 162 to go. Once the traverse reaches Camp 20, the traverse will briefly stop to reconfigure and pick up additional cargo.

Weather

- Warm weather continues to slow the movement of personnel and cargo as runway conditions were poor.

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