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Silvertip Pipeline Incident

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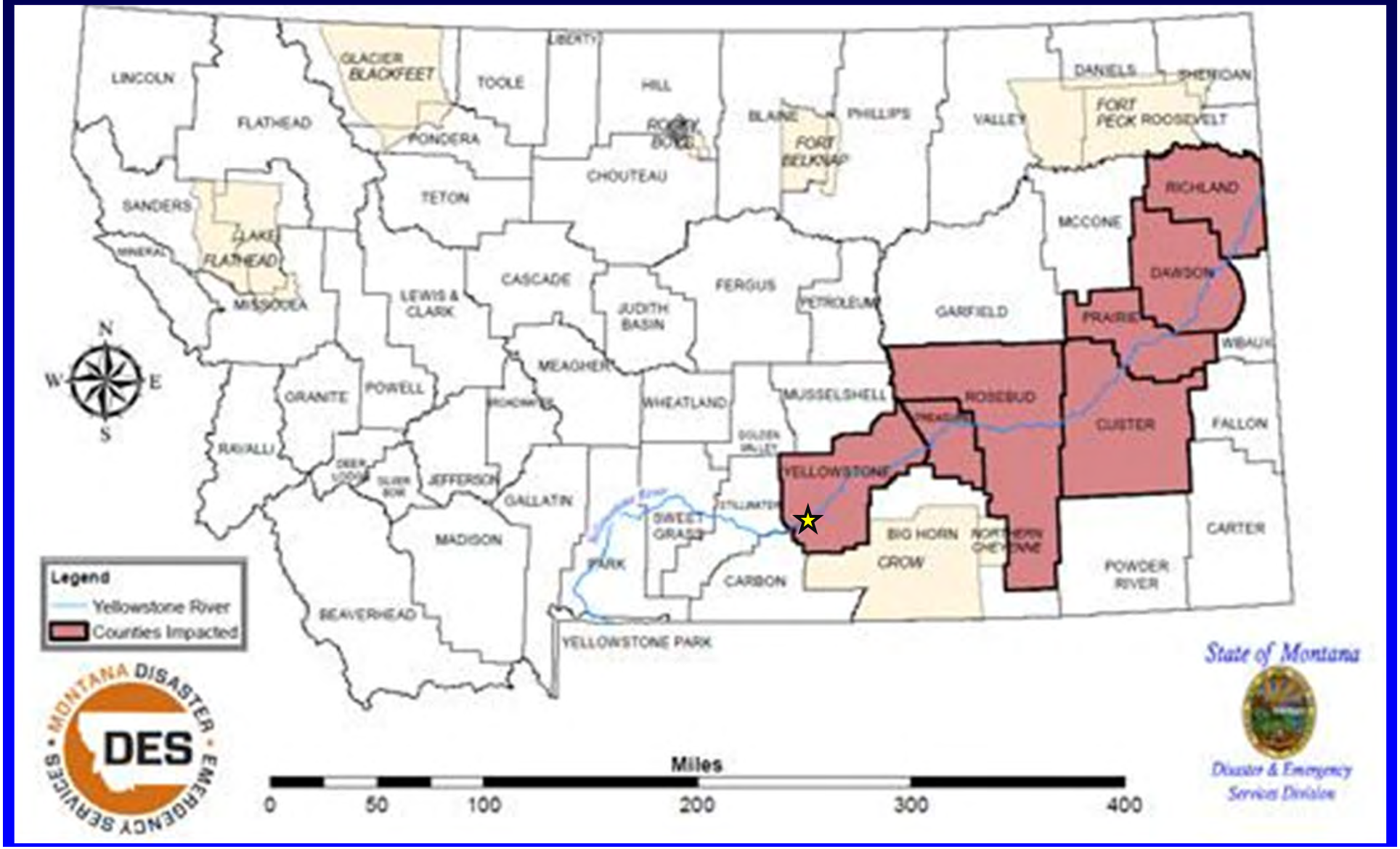


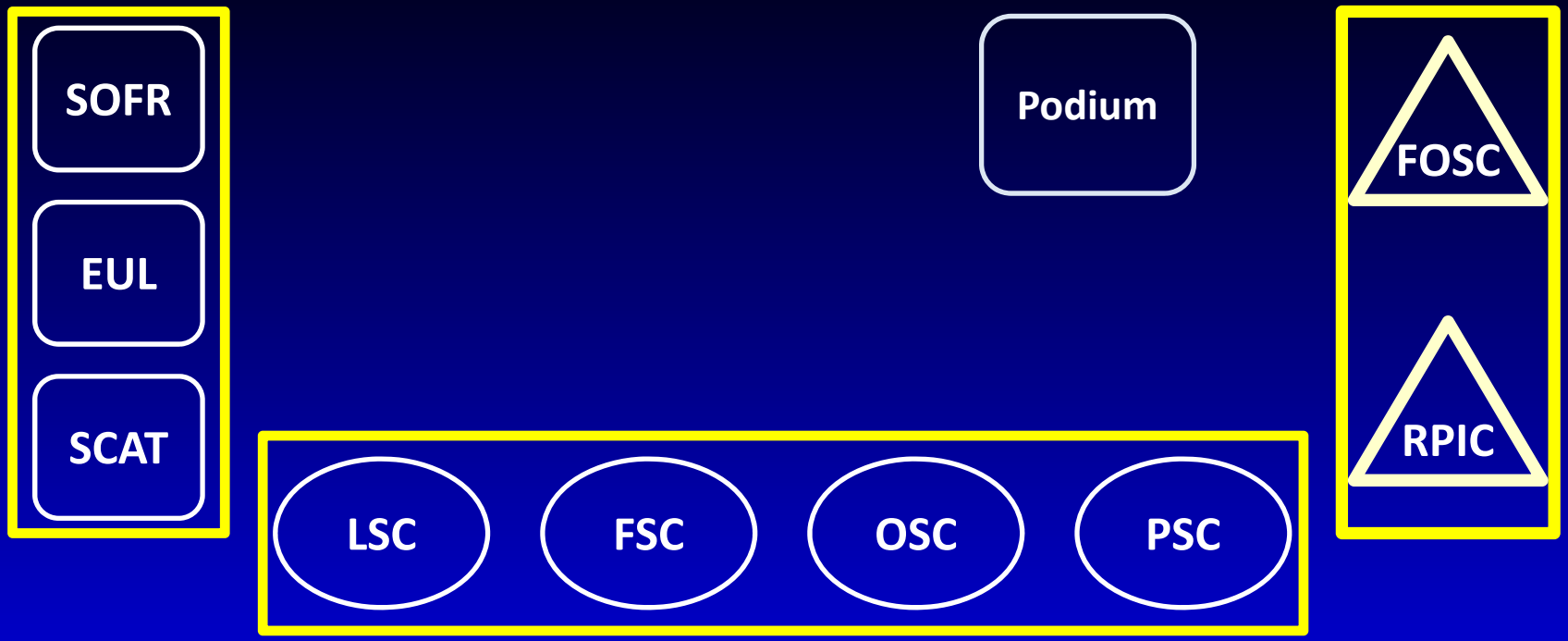
CDFG – OSPR Involvement

5 Technical / Scientific Advisors

- Command
- Environmental Unit
- SCAT
- Operations
- Pipeline

CDFG – OSPR Goals

- Ensure the State of Montana's concerns and interests were addressed
- Increase Montana's participation in the Unified Command
- Advise the state on the best utilization of their resources in the ICS



GENERAL	AUDIENCE
MT-DEQ	MT-DES

Facts

- The Silvertip pipeline was buried about 5 feet to 7 feet under the Yellowstone River
- Yellowstone River watershed experienced near-record floodwaters in July
- Floodwaters spilled over banks and onto farmlands

Command Advisor

- Shadowed MT-DEQ Unofficial State On-Scene Commander (SOSC)
- Attended key meetings
- Advised SOSC on the nuances of documenting key state objectives in the Incident Action Plan
- Developed press discussion points for the SOSC and Governor Schweitzer

Environmental Advisor

- Attended and represented state interests in key meetings
- Reviewed environmental response documents
- Coordination with RP to address historical, cultural, & archaeological resources
- Address request from federal agencies to address wildlife response and NRDA

DUCK
CREEK
FISHING A
SITE
IS
CLOSED

EXIT
JUST DO IT
THE RESPONSE GROUP

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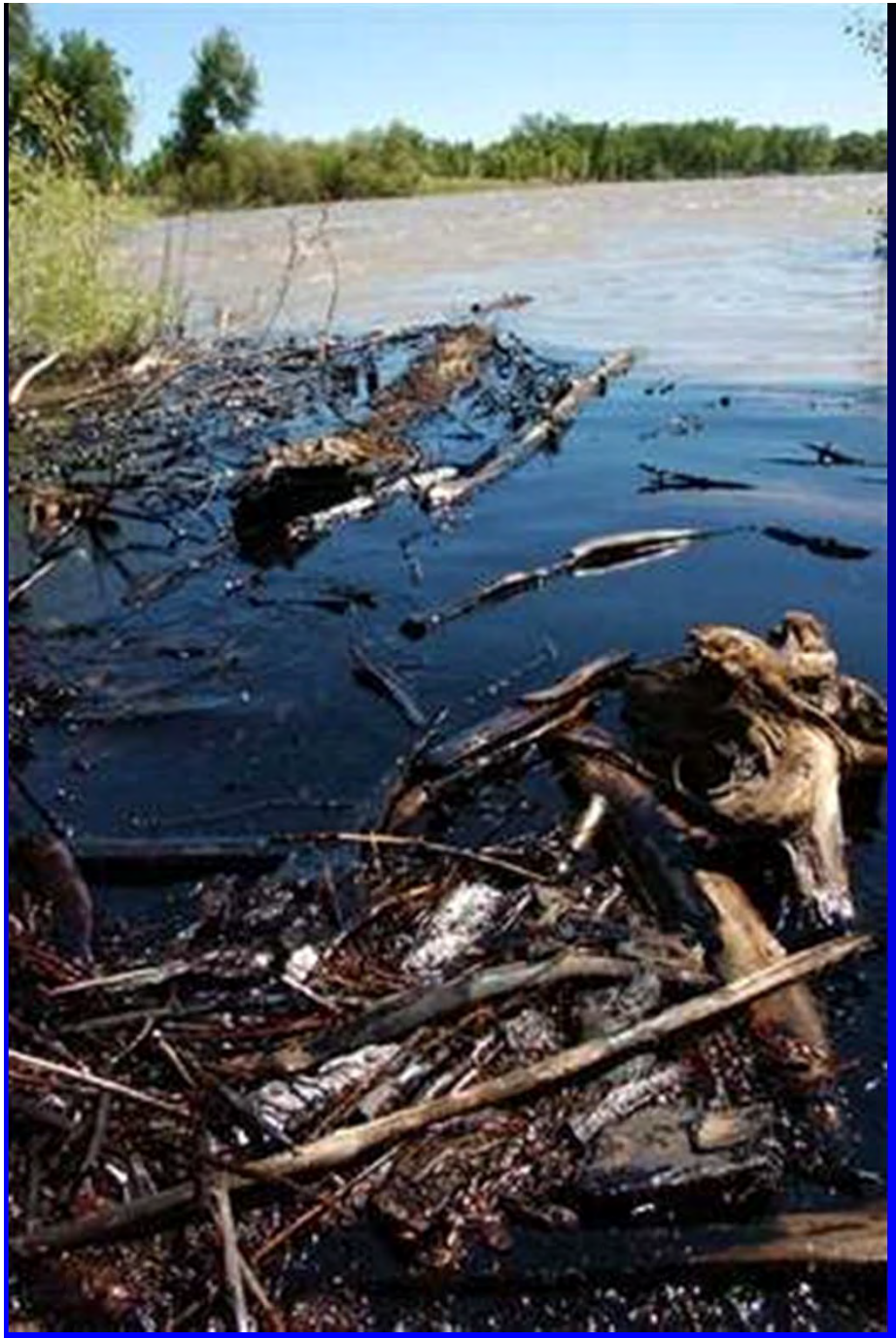
SCAT Advisor

- Attended and represented state interests in key meetings
- Trained state SCAT team member



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Operations Advisor

- Attended and represented state interests in key meetings
- Monitor inefficiencies and mis-communications in the Planning Section to cleanup implementation of the Operations Section

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Pipeline Advisor

- Quantify the amount of oil released into the environment
- Determine the duration of the release
- Review Waste Disposal Plan and recommend appropriate number of sampling prior to removing off-site
- Monitor the removal and installation of the damages and new pipeline

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Recovery and Results

- 1,509 bbls spilled / 10bbls recovered
- $1.6 million in penalties
- Creation of Oil Pipeline Safety Council
- ICS training for Montana DEQ and other supporting agencies
- Establish drills and exercise with industry