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Travel Alert issued statewide as storm moves from west to east with blowing snow creating hazardous travel conditions

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and North Dakota Highway Patrol have issued a **Travel Alert** statewide as a winter storm system moves across the state moving from west to east with snow accumulations and high winds creating hazardous travel conditions. Motorists should be aware they may encounter areas of blowing snow creating snow drifts, reduced visibility and icy conditions. Motorists should be advised that roadways may be reduced to a single lane or become blocked by snow drifts at structures and sheltered areas overnight. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.

A **Travel Alert** means motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways.

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.dot.nd.gov If you become stranded in your vehicle, please call 911.

NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state.

The three categories are as follows:

TRAVEL ALERT – Motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destination and be alert to conditions that may make travel difficult, change rapidly, or cause travel delays. A TRAVEL ALERT has the potential to change to a NO TRAVEL ADVISED if conditions deteriorate.

NO TRAVEL ADVISED – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snow plows may be pulled from the roads during severe conditions. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not be able to reach them safely. A NO TRAVEL ADVISED has the potential to change to a ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED if conditions deteriorate.

ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED – Motorists are not allowed to travel on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250.

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