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## **NDDOT urges motorists to be aware of potentially hazardous travel conditions**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) is urging motorists to be aware of potentially hazardous travel conditions created by a weather system entering the state this evening, Tuesday, February 28 and continuing through tomorrow. The system is expected to affect travel in the central and eastern parts of North Dakota and is predicted to include heavy snow and strong winds. These conditions have the ability to reduce visibility, making travel extremely hazardous, if not impossible.

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](http://www.dot.nd.gov). Motorists can view actual images of road conditions by using the weather camera feature on the Travel Information Map located on the NDDOT website. The NDDOT also suggests motorists monitor local weather forecast and adjust their travel plans accordingly. If you become stranded in your vehicle, please call 911.

Motorists are reminded they 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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