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The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol have **LIFTED** the **No Travel Advisory** for southwestern North Dakota. Cities included are Dickinson, Bowman, Beach, Belfield, Killdeer, and surrounding areas. A **Travel Alert** is in effect for the area due to blowing and drifting snow creating reduced visibility especially when meeting and passing vehicles.

A No Travel Advisory remains in effect for northwestern, central, and eastern North Dakota due to blowing and drifting snow creating near zero visibility and hazardous driving conditions. Cities included are Williston, Minot, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, Devils Lake, Grand Forks, Fargo, Wahpeton, and surrounding areas. Motorists in these areas should not travel

The three categories are as follows:

1. **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.
2. **NO TRAVEL ADVISED** – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snowplows 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.

3. **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.

Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CDT. The road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.