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Hay bale removal will not begin until November 15 in some areas of the state due to wet conditions

Due to wet conditions in four North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) district areas which include: Minot District, Valley City District, Devils Lake District, and the Fargo District, the Department will not begin the removal of hay stored past the November 1 deadline until November 15.

State law provides that all hay stored on state highway right of way must be removed by Nov. 1 of each year. State law prohibits hay from being placed in the right-of-way except on the outer edge. Large round bales must not be placed on inslopes or within 60 feet from the outside edge of the driving lane.

In other parts of the state which include the Grand Forks, Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston Districts, hay bales remaining on rights-of- way after November 1, will be removed as directed by the District Engineer.

Go to the following web site address to see a map of NDDOT district areas:

<http://www.dot.nd.gov/travel/districtinfo.htm>

or call the following District offices for more information:

Minot District phone number: 701 857-6925

Valley City District phone number: 701-845-8800

Devils Lake District phone number: 701-665-5100

Fargo District phone number: 701 239-8900