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I-94 closed from Jamestown to Fargo; No Travel Advisory issued for I-29 from SD border to Canadian border and eastern North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has **CLOSED I-94 both eastbound and westbound roadways from Jamestown to Fargo** due to high winds causing near zero visibility along with glare ice conditions. Conditions are such that they are creating a life-threatening danger to motorists. The roadway is impassable and it is against the law to drive past a road closure device on a closed road.

No Travel is advised on I-29 from the South Dakota border to the Canadian border. NDDOT has also issued a **No Travel Advisory** for the eastern portion of the state due to high winds causing blowing snow and areas of near zero visibility.

Cities affected by the **No Travel Advisory** include: Linton, Napoleon, Steele, Jamestown, Valley City, Edgeley, Ellendale, Casselton, Fargo, Wahpeton, Hillsboro, Grand Forks, Drayton, Cavalier, and surrounding areas.

A **Travel Alert** remains in effect for central North Dakota through Saturday morning. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel**, but may experience hazardous winter driving conditions due to high winds causing blowing and drifting snow and reduced visibility. Motorists should be advised that snow drifts may be encountered at structures and sheltered areas and are encouraged to reduce speeds.

Cities affected by the **Travel Alert** include: Minot, Devils Lake, Bismarck and surrounding areas.

All travelers are encouraged to wear seatbelts, 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.

NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state. The three categories are as follows:

- 1. Travel Alerts** are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter driving conditions may be encountered on roadways. Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.
- 2. No Travel Advisories** are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure. No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.
- 3. Roads are closed** when conditions create a life-threatening danger to motorists. The roadway is impassable and it is against the law to drive past a road closure device on a closed road. Motorists should obey road closures, even when a sign or a gate is not present.

Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. 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.

If you become stranded, motorists should stay with their vehicle and call 911 for emergency assistance.

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