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No Travel Advisory issued for area of western North Dakota; Travel Alert issued for central North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has issued a **No Travel Advisory** due to poor visibility, snow covered roadways and icy conditions in the following counties in western North Dakota including: Williams, Divide and McKenzie including the cities of Williston, Watford City, New Town, Tioga and Stanley.

A **Travel Alert has also been** issued for Central North Dakota including the cities of Minot, Bismarck and surrounding areas. This system is moving to the east. **Motorists can still travel**, but are encouraged to use extreme caution, reduced speeds and drive according to the conditions.

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.