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## **I-29 CLOSED from Fargo to Canadian Border; I-94 CLOSED from Bismarck to Fargo; US Highway 2 CLOSED from Devils Lake to Grand Forks**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol have **CLOSED** several major highways due to zero visibility and snow covered roads causing hazardous driving conditions. 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. Road closures include:

- I-29 CLOSED (all lanes) from Fargo to the Canadian Border.
- I-94 CLOSED (all lanes) from Bismarck to Fargo.
- US Highway 2 CLOSED (all lanes) from Devils Lake to Grand Forks.

A **Travel Alert** has been extended for southeast North Dakota including the cities of Fargo, Wahpeton, Lisbon, Wyndmere and surrounding area due to blowing snow causing areas of reduced visibility. A **Travel Alert** remains in effect for areas south of Bismarck including Flasher, Selfridge and surrounding areas. Conditions in these areas include reduced visibility and snow covered roads. A **Travel Alert** means conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised of rapidly changing conditions. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.

A **No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for areas around Bismarck, Steele, Center, Napoleon, Linton, Jamestown, Valley City, Edgeley, Ashley, Ellendale and areas in northeast North Dakota including Carrington, Devils Lake, Langdon, Grand Forks, Drayton and surrounding areas due to blowing snow creating near zero visibility and snow covered roads causing hazardous driving conditions. Motorists **should not travel** in areas included in the **No Travel Advisory**.

**Motorists should be advised that snow plows have been working since early morning hours and throughout the day. NDDOT snow plows have been pulled from the roads at this time in rural areas around Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, Devils Lake, Grand Forks and north of Fargo due to zero visibility. If conditions do not improve to allow the plow to get out the remainder of the day, the plows will resume operation early tomorrow morning when it is safe to do so. Roads may become blocked overnight. Especially at bridges and sheltered areas.**

All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions 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). NDDOT releases information to inform the public about travel conditions throughout the state.

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.

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