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1-855-NDROADS (1-855-637-6237)

## Travel Alert extended to Dickinson, Bismarck and surrounding areas

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has extended the **Travel Alert** to include Dickinson, Bismarck and surrounding areas due to blowing snow sticking to the roadways causing icy conditions. A **Travel Alert** remains in effect for the Williston, Minot and surrounding areas. The **Travel Alert** means motorists can still travel, but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions and should use caution.

According to the National Weather Service, northwest winds gusting up to 35 mph will last through Wednesday afternoon. Temperatures warming to near freezing this morning have allowed partial melting of snow blowing across the roads. As temperatures fall later this morning and afternoon roadways will begin to refreeze leading to slick road conditions.

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. 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. Snow plows 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. 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.