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No Travel Advisory LIFTED in some areas; Travel Alert in effect

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has lifted the **No Travel Advisory** for some areas in the southeast region of North Dakota including the areas of Wishek, Ellendale, Edgeley, Oakes, Litchfield, Valley City, and areas north of Fargo including Hillboro, Mayville and surrounding areas. A **Travel Alert** is in effect for these areas as many roadways are covered with ice and snow and are extremely icy. Motorists should use caution when traveling.

Motorists are reminded of the following warnings that are in effect:

- I-94 remains closed from Jamestown to Fargo.
- I-29 remains closed from Grand Forks to the North Dakota/South Dakota border, and ND Highway 13 from Wahpeton to I-29 due to heavy snow and blowing snow causing near zero visibility and dangerous driving conditions.
- **No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for areas in the southeast region of North Dakota including Fargo, Wahpeton, Lisbon and surrounding areas.
- A **Travel Alert** remains in effect for Grand Forks, Drayton, Cavalier and surrounding areas.

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 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. Snowplows 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. 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.