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I-29 closed from Grand Forks to Canadian Border

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) have closed I-29 from Grand Forks to the Canadian Border due to blowing snow and drifting at interchanges, creating zero visibility and hazardous driving conditions.

The eastbound and westbound lanes of I-94 are temporarily **CLOSED** from Jamestown to Valley City due to a traffic incident.

A **No Travel Advisory** is still in effect for northeast North Dakota including the cities of Devils Lake, Rolla, Langdon, Grand Forks, Michigan, Drayton, Cavalier, Pembina, Fargo, Casselton, Mayville, Hillsboro and surrounding areas due to blowing snow causing zero visibility. **Plows have been pulled in** Grand Forks area and will resume operations when it is safe to do so. Conditions are such that **motorists should not travel** due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel.

A **Travel Alert** is still in effect for the cities of Valley City, Jamestown, Edgeley, Wahpeton and surrounding areas due to high winds causing reduced visibility and areas of scattered ice. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised that conditions could change rapidly. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speeds and drive according to the conditions.

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. 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.