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## **No Travel Advisory issued for northwest region including Williston and US HWY 83 from Minot to near Garrison**

### ***Travel Alert remains for central region of North Dakota***

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol have issued a **No Travel Advisory** for the northwest region of the state including Williston and surrounding areas and US Highway 83 from Minot to Junction of ND Highway 37 near Garrison due to high winds causing blowing snow, areas of near zero visibility, compacted snow and continuous ice on roadways. A **No Travel Advisory** means motorists **should not travel due to hazardous conditions** which may make it unsafe to travel.

A **Travel Alert remains in effect** for Minot (except US-83 south to Jct ND 37), Devils Lake, McClusky, Steele, Napoleon and surrounding areas due to blowing snow sticking to the roadways causing areas of scattered slush, compacted snow, and continuous ice. Conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised that wet roads may turn to ice as temperatures drop overnight and challenging winter driving conditions may exist. 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](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. 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.