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US 83 closed from Bismarck to Underwood

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol have **closed US 83 from Bismarck to Underwood** due to heavy snow and winds causing areas of zero visibility and significant drifting making the roadway impassable. In addition, plows will be pulled from the US 83 corridor north of Bismarck due to areas of zero visibility. Plowing operations will resume early Monday morning.

As a reminder the following advisories have previously been issued:

- **I-94 is closed** from the Montana state line to Fargo
- **I-29 closed** from Fargo to Grand Forks
- **A No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for state highways around Dickinson, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, Fargo and Wahpeton.
- **No Travel Advised** on US 83 from Minot to Underwood; and ND 23 from US 83 to New Town.
- A **Travel Alert** in effect for Williston, Watford City, areas south of Minot, Grand Forks 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.