

# North Dakota Department of Transportation NEWS

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## **ND Highway 81 north of Minto now OPEN, No Travel Advisory has been LIFTED for Jamestown, Valley City, Fargo, areas**

## **I-29 remains CLOSED from Grand Forks to Canadian Border, No Travel Advisory in effect for northeast ND**

North Dakota Highway 81 approximately 2 miles north of Minto is now **OPEN**. A **No Travel Advisory** has been LIFTED for the Jamestown, Valley City, Fargo, Casselton, Mayville, Hillsboro and surrounding areas.

Snow plow crews are out in full force working to clear roads, so please remember to watch for plows and don't crowd the plow. The snow plow crews are also working hard on I-29 north of Grand Forks to remove 4-6 feet of snow at underpasses and extract several vehicles stuck in snow drifts.

- **I-29 remains CLOSED** from Grand Forks to the Canadian Border while crews remove snow drifts at underpasses.
- A **No Travel Advisory** remains in effect for much of northeast North Dakota including the cities of Grand Forks, Michigan, Drayton, Cavalier, Pembina and surrounding areas as crews remove scattered snow drifts from structures and sheltered areas. Conditions are such that **motorists should not travel** due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel.

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.