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No Travel Advisory extended to northeastern and southwestern North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol have extended the **No Travel Advisory** to include the northeastern and southwestern regions of the state due to blowing and drifting snow creating near zero visibility and hazardous driving conditions. Cities included in the **No Travel Advisory** are Grand Forks, Dickinson, Bismarck, and surrounding areas. Conditions are such that motorists in these areas **should not travel**.

Motorists are reminded of the following advisories still in effect:

- **No Travel Advisory** for areas northwestern North Dakota north of US Highway 2 including the cities of Crosby, Bowbells and surrounding areas.
- **No Travel Advisory** for north central North Dakota including the cities of Minot, Devils Lake and surrounding areas.
- **A Travel Alert** for areas around Williston, Fargo, Wahpeton, Valley City, Jamestown, Ellendale, and surrounding areas. A **Travel Alert** means conditions are such that **motorists can still travel** in these areas, but should be advised of freezing rain causing icy road 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.