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Press Release

## Winter Weather Making for Dicey Travel

**Santa Fe**- A winter storm moving across New Mexico is causing dicey travel conditions for parts of the state. Snow has hit the Albuquerque metro area as well as much of northeast New Mexico, causing slick roads. Due to the low temperatures, the snow is not melting. The National Weather Service is predicting the conditions will worsen between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Santa Rosa and down through Vaughn within the next few hours.

The New Mexico Department Of Transportation is plowing, salting and cindering affected roads. Our crews will be working around the clock to help ensure the safety of the roadways until all is clear.

Drivers are urged to slow down and leave extra space between their vehicle and the one in front of them. Allow at least 200 feet between you and a snowplow and never pass a plow on the right, since that is where the snow it's moving is blown. Also use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas which are likely to freeze first and stay frozen the longest.

For up-to-date road conditions throughout the state, call The New Mexico Department of Transportation's 24 hour road hotline at 511. To get that information, along with weather reports and live road cameras, log onto our website <u>nmroads.com</u>.

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