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Press Release

New Mexico Department of Transportation Prepared for Winter Storm

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Department of Transportation's goal is safety and keeping our state's roads clear. With the potential for snow accumulations this Christmas week, we want to assure drivers that the department is ready to respond to adverse weather conditions that may impact roads.

NMDOT crews have been readying their salt and sand spreaders, graders and snow plows. They are also monitoring weather reports and are ready to respond as soon as they are dispatched.

The department's road condition website www.nmroads.com is updated around the clock and is linked to our 511 road condition hotline. The NMRoads mobile app can be downloaded to keep travelers updated on the go.

Safe winter driving tips:

- Wear your seatbelt
- Slow down and leave extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you.
- Use brakes carefully. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.
- Don't crowd the plow. If you find yourself behind a snowplow be patient and give the driver plenty of room to do his job.
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas since they are likely to freeze first and stay frozen the longest.

High wind advisories are also in place for parts of New Mexico. Drivers of high profile vehicles should take extra precaution since these vehicles are more prone to being pushed or flipped by high winds.

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