

Drive with care in winter weather conditions

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MILAN— The New Mexico Department of Transportation District Six Engineer is asking motorists to avoid travel as winter weather is predicted across west-central New Mexico.

Maintenance crews are prepared with personnel and equipment for the upcoming storm and will work to support law enforcement and emergency responders.

The National Weather Service is forecasting hazardous weather and dangerously cold temperatures until Thursday, Feb. 3.

“Our crews work extremely hard to keep our roads clear of snow and ice; however, it’s important for drivers to remember to drive for current road conditions to include reduced visibility,” District Six Engineer Lisa Vega said. “We strongly encourage all motorists to avoid unnecessary travel or adjust travel plans if possible.”

NMDOT offers the following recommendations for safe winter driving:

Wear your seatbelt.

- Slow down and leave extra space between your vehicle and the vehicle 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 or her job.
- Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses, and shaded areas, as they are likely to freeze first and stay frozen longer.
- Maintain your vehicle and keep first aid supplies, blankets, food and water available.

Please dial 511 for the latest road conditions.

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