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Winter storm to impact travel throughout Wisconsin this weekend

Heavy snow and high winds expected to significantly impact road conditions

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) would like to remind motorists to be cautious if traveling in what could be hazardous conditions. High winds and drifting snow are expected to make driving very difficult this weekend.

The National Weather Service is reporting a strong winter storm to begin late Saturday afternoon in southwest Wisconsin and Saturday evening in southeast Wisconsin. Snow will likely continue through Sunday night and end late Sunday night or Monday morning. Areas could see 5 to 9 inches, with the highest amounts across far southern Wisconsin. Snow removal resources are engaged in impacted regions, as roads are being pretreated. However, with a forecasted snowfall rate of one to two inches per hour, road conditions may be hazardous.

Motorists are encouraged to check National Weather Service forecasts at www.weather.gov and utilize 511 Wisconsin, the state's 24/7/365 travel information service, to view winter road conditions and receive up-to-date travel information prior to travel. This information, along with live traffic cameras and traffic alerts, can be accessed on the 511 Wisconsin system, which includes a free smartphone app, @511WI on Twitter, visiting www.511wi.gov or calling 5-1-1. Always putting safety first, never access 511 information while driving.

For areas of the state being impacted, WisDOT advises against travel this weekend, unless absolutely necessary. If traveling, please use the following tips:

- Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights before driving.
- Go slow. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- Leave plenty of room for stopping.
- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows.
- Use brakes carefully. Brake early. Brake correctly.
- Watch for slippery bridge decks, even when the rest of the pavement is in good condition.
- Don't get overconfident in your 4x4 vehicle.
- Don't use your cruise control in wintry conditions.

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