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NMDOT District Two crews are ready for first winter weather storm in Southern New Mexico

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Two crews are ready for winter weather with manpower, snow plows, salt and sand. NMDOT District Two serves ten counties in Southern New Mexico – Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Guadalupe, Lea, Lincoln, Otero, Roosevelt and Torrance.

During the winter season, District Two has more than 100 employees and 75 pieces of equipment available for deployment as needed to keep state routes clear and passable. Last year, the district spent \$1.2 million on snow removal and spread over 10,000 tons of salt.

With upcoming snow storms, motorists should remember to drive with caution, and visit <http://nmroads.com/> or call 511 for road and travel advisory information.

Travel safety tips:

- If you must travel, carry an emergency supply kit in your vehicle with essential items and let someone know your destination, your route and when you expect to arrive.
- Check road conditions before traveling by visiting the New Mexico Department of Transportation travel and road advisory website at <http://nmroads.com/> or call 511.
- Always wear your safety belt and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- To remain focused on driving, motorists should put away the distractions by not talking or texting on cellular phones.
- Provide snowplows enough space to plow and be cautious when passing.
- Provide first responders enough space by moving over one lane.
- Stay tuned to local media outlets for the most up-to-date weather conditions and any emergency information.

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