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Press Release

Weather Advisory

Southern, NM

Las Cruces - The District One office for the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will be monitoring roadways as a high wind advisory will be in effect. The National Weather Services is reporting there will be two separate troughs moving through southern New Mexico this week. The first surge will sweep through Wednesday and will continue through early Saturday morning. Motorists are encouraged to reduce speed in areas where blowing dust can reduce visibility and impact traffic.

Below are recommended driving tips.

- Slow down, be patient and drive safely. Plan for extra travel time.
- Drivers of high-profile vehicles should be aware of weather conditions and travel at a safe reduced speed limit.
- Maintain at least a three-quarter full tank of gas.
- Notify someone of your travel route, destination and projected arrival time.
- Carry an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle.
- Brake slowly to avoid any panic braking or jerking the steering wheel.
- Increase the distance between you and the traffic ahead.
- When pulling off the road, make sure you exit on to the shoulder far enough to where your vehicle is not on the road.
- Carry plenty of food and water and all necessary medications.
- Avoid driving through dust storms.
- Motorists are advised to safely move over in order to allow emergency response vehicles to pass.

Roadway notifications will be posted on the New Mexico Department of Transportation's website www.NMroads.com They can also be retrieved by calling the NMDOT's Road Condition Hotline at 511 in New Mexico or 1-800-432-4269 out of state.

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