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Press Release

## New Mexico Department of Transportation District Two Storm Travel Advisory

**Roswell** - The New Mexico Department of Transportation District Two is reporting icy road conditions on highways across Southeastern New Mexico. A forecast of snow and freezing rain are expected, with highs in the lower to mid-20s.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory and hazardous weather outlook until December 31 at 6:00 p.m.

New Mexico State Police in partnership with the District have closed several roads in Southeastern New Mexico due to icy road conditions.

Some road closures include:

- US 82 Lovington to State Line
- US 82 Artesia to Cloudcroft
- US 70/380 Roswell to Ruidoso Downs

For up-to-date road conditions visit <u>www.nmroads.com</u> or call 511 road condition hotline. The NMRoads mobile app can be downloaded to keep travelers updated.

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.

Drivers should take extra precaution during winter storms.

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