



Winter Driving Conditions

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As we head into another Montana winter, our Public Works crews, Department of Transportation, and local Emergency Services are already gearing up for the storms ahead. Keeping our roads safe is truly a team effort—one that depends on preparation, communication, and help from the community. Here are a few quick reminders to support safe travel this season:

1. Check MDT 511

Download the MDT 511 app or visit <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/> for real-time road conditions and camera views. Plow-truck cameras and MDT updates help you see what's happening before you travel.

2. Crews Are Working Around the Clock

During storms, Public Works, DOT, and local Emergency Services work side-by-side to keep roads open and respond when help is needed. Plow crews run split shifts and often work long hours, weekends, and holidays to stay ahead of the weather—even if you don't always see a plow.

3. Plow Safety

Plows move slow for a reason. Stay back, keep headlights on, and avoid passing—conditions in front of the plow are usually worse than behind it.

How You Can Help:

- Avoid parking along roads—snow drifts make clearing difficult.
- Use headlights in poor weather.
- Drive for the conditions and be patient with the crews and responders working to keep everyone safe.

Our shared goal—Public Works, DOT, Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS—is to make sure every traveler and every worker gets home safely. Thank you for helping us make that happen. Stay safe this winter!

Sincerely,

Director Nelson