

NCDOT Clearing Roads in Western N.C. After Winter Storm

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N.C. Department of Transportation crews were clearing roads and treating icy patches Friday morning after a winter storm brought snow to parts of western North Carolina.

Motorists traveling through western North Carolina today are asked to slow down, use caution and be mindful of any NCDOT workers or vehicles along the roadway.

Here's what NCDOT crews are doing to help drivers travel safely through the region:

Division 11 (Yadkin, Surry, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell and Avery counties):

The mountain counties of Division 11 (Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, and Watauga) were the only ones to see significant snow accumulation in that division. Crews are clearing roughly 1-3 inches of snow in those counties, but the low temperatures decrease the effectiveness of salt.

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Division 13 (Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Buncombe, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell counties):

The primary routes in Madison and Yancey counties are mostly clear with possible icy spots in some areas. All secondary routes are completely covered with snow and ice.

NCDOT crews will begin clearing secondary roads this morning during a 12-hour shift. Another crew will come in tonight for an additional 12-hour shift.

The division will continue clearing roads today to have all roads treated by Friday night. Although all routes will be treated, some icy spots will remain. Some NCDOT crews in the hardest hit counties will work overnight to address icy spots and any refreezing that occurs. In addition, the division might have 6-12 employees working tomorrow to distribute salt supplies.

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