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Snow, Sleet, Freezing Rain and Dropping Temps Creating Extremely Hazardous Driving In Much of State

THOMASTON, Ga. – Georgia DOT urges motorists to stay off the roadways. Dangerous driving conditions are spreading throughout the State. Department of Transportation crews are active throughout affected areas but Georgia DOT is urging motorists to stay off of highways as conditions are likely to continue to deteriorate throughout the day and evening.

The Department advises the public to refrain from all but absolutely necessary travel until midday Wednesday at the earliest.

Crews are working throughout West Central Georgia. These following locations are hazardous, icing has been reported and crews are working in these areas:

- **Henry** - I-75, SR 20, SR 3
- **Spalding** - SR 92 near Vaughn Road
- **Troup** - SR 1 N/S, SR 22 near Yellow Jacket Road, SR 219 N/S near Davis Street

Motorists are urged to:

Check weather conditions before you leaving Friday morning and stay off the roads unless it is an emergency if conditions warrant in the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Choose caution and stay where you are instead of driving in hazardous winter weather conditions.

Slow down and stay behind the snowplows. The road behind the plow will be the safest place to drive. Allow at least ten car lengths between your vehicle and snowplows or hopper spreaders.

Do not pass. The plows are wide, and sometimes a group of trucks will work in tandem to clear snow quickly, especially on major highways.

Be particularly aware of black ice conditions on surfaces such as bridge decks and entrance and exit ramps late tomorrow night and the early hours of Friday morning.

Remember that technology helps, but only to a point. Four-wheel drive, anti-lock brakes and traction control are beneficial advancements in today's cars, trucks and SUVs, but they can't take the place of good driving habits and the need to reduce speed on snowy or icy roads.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to exercise caution and call 511 for updated information on roadway conditions before getting on the road during a winter weather event. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, including winter weather closures, reports of icing or other hazardous conditions on interstates and state routes. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information

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