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East Central Georgia...

GA DOT ADVISING MOTORIST TO STAY OFF ROADWAY AS CREWS FOCUS ON CLEARING TREES

TENNILLE –Georgia Department of Transportation’s East Central District is asking motorists to continue to stay off the roadway if at all possible as numerous limbs and trees have fallen across roads and power lines. Driving in this area remains extremely dangerous.

There is the possibility of more downed power lines and trees. Also ice will be dropping from trees, overpasses and other structures creating hazards throughout the remainder of this weather event. Additionally, temperatures will again fall below freezing tonight and moisture remaining on roadways will refreeze and possibly create black ice.

Georgia DOT, partnering with Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Georgia Forestry Commission, has worked throughout the day, concentrating tree removal task forces on US 1, US 25 and US 441, major north to south corridors between Interstate 20 and Interstate 16. If travel is necessary, motorists are urged to use these three routes.

Tree removal task forces are now actively clearing smaller corridors needing attention.

Real-time road conditions and general information is available by dialing 511 and on the internet via www.511ga.org. Other storm information is available via the *Latest Emergency Information* link at the Georgia Emergency Management Agency website, www.gema.ga.gov.

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. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on [Facebook](#) (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and www.facebook.com/georgiadot.east) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).