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## PRESS RELEASE

### WINTER STORM TO IMPACT NEW HAMPSHIRE THURSDAY INTO FRIDAY

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine, issued a Winter Storm Warning for Northern New Hampshire and a Winter Storm Watch for Central and Southern New Hampshire starting Thursday afternoon and continuing through Friday evening. New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation remind residents and visitors to be prepared and plan for extra travel time if you must drive.

- Coos and Grafton Carroll counties are under a Winter Storm Warning from 1 p.m. Thursday through 7 p.m. Friday. Total snow accumulations of 7 to 10 inches are expected.
- Belknap, Merrimack, Sullivan and Strafford counties are under a Winter Storm Watch from Thursday evening through late Friday night. Total snow accumulations of 6 to 9 inches and sleet accumulations of around ½ of an inch are possible.
- Hillsborough and Rockingham and Cheshire counties are under a Winter Storm Watch from Thursday evening through late Friday night. Total snow accumulations of 4 to 7 inches, sleet accumulations of around ½ of an inch and ice accumulations of a light glaze are possible.

“Preparing for this storm ahead of time will keep you and your family safe,” said New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “If you must travel, make sure your vehicle’s winter emergency kit is stocked. Learn more about emergency preparedness at [ReadyNH.gov](http://ReadyNH.gov).”

The timing of this storm means the Friday morning commute could be very difficult.

“New Hampshire is yet again preparing for a statewide snowstorm,” said NHDOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. “However this storm will also deliver mixed precipitation to much of the state in the form of sleet. The timing and duration of this storm Thursday evening through Friday evening means that there are many who will likely be commuting for work. We ask that anyone who can defer travel until after the storm to please do so in order to allow our crews the time that they need to attend to snow

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removal operations. For those who must travel, please check travel conditions for your route and drive for conditions, allowing yourself plenty of time to reach your destination and ample space between your car and others. We will be out statewide for this event so please, don't ever crowd our plows."

Director Harper and Commissioner Sheehan provide these additional winter weather reminders:

- Monitor National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports to keep track of changing conditions.
- Avoid travel if possible.
- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Never crowd the plow.
- Clear all snow and ice off your car, including your roof, around lights, and license plates before traveling.
- Bridges, overpasses, and exposed road areas are the most prone to slippery conditions.

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*NOTE: According to the National Weather Service, a Winter Storm Warning indicates that heavy snow of at least 6 inches in 12 hours, or at least 8 inches in 24 hours, is expected. It can also be issued if sleet accumulation will be at least half an inch. A Winter Storm Watch is issued when there is the potential for significant and hazardous winter weather within 48 hours. It does not mean that significant and hazardous winter weather will occur ... it only means it is possible.*