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Below freezing temperatures expected tonight

PEARL – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to monitor the winter storm as it moves east out the state. Temperatures are expected to dip below freezing across most of the state, which could lead to icy conditions on roads, highway and bridges.

The following is a list of preparations being made by state agencies:

The Governor’s Office: Governor Haley Barbour declared a State of Emergency on Thursday and alerted the National Guard to be prepared to respond to emergencies.

MEMA: The State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl is activated with key partner state agencies ready to assist local communities if needed. The agency is keeping in close contact with local emergency managers to monitor developing weather conditions in the impacted areas. For updates follow us on Facebook and Twitter using **MSEMA**.

MS Department of Transportation: As the winter weather system pushes across the state, ice and snow have accumulated on roads and bridges in the following counties: Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, Greene, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Leake, Lincoln, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson and Yazoo Counties. Ice and snow have accumulated on bridges in Jefferson County at State Route 28 and State Route 552 at Highway 61; Issaquena County at State Route 1 and State Route 14; Humphreys County on the Highway 12 Bridge over the Yazoo River at Belzoni, MS; Holmes County at Highway 51 and Highway 12 east of Lexington, MS, and on Highway 18, I-220, and Highway 27 in Hinds County.

Areas along I-220 near Highway 80, along I-20 at Clinton, and bridges in Warren County, have accumulated icy precipitation. MDOT crews are working diligently to remove the precipitation from highways and bridges. All highways and bridges are open for travel but MDOT urges motorists to drive with extreme caution.

For the most up-to-date information in your area, please visit www.mstraffic.com and sign up for traffic alerts. For more information on road conditions, please call MDOT at 601-359-7074 or the traffic hotline number at 1-866-521-6368.

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MS Department of Public Safety: The Emergency Operations Center at MDPS Headquarters call center has been activated. The public can call 800-843-5352 to get updated with the latest road and weather conditions for their area or visit www.dps.state.ms.us and look under road conditions to find district by district information.

MS 211: Hotline can be accessed from any phone around the state by simply dialing 211 just as you would 911 for an emergency. Our call specialists can connect callers to the help they need-from shelter information to financial assistance with heating bills.

MS Development Authority/Tourism Bureau: Mississippi Welcome Centers except Pike are scheduled to reopen tomorrow at 8 a.m.

MS Department of Insurance: Officials announced that fire and alternate heat source safety tips will be posted on Facebook at “Mississippi State Fire Marshal” and on Twitter at twitter.com/msfiresafe.

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