

NDOT touts 511 road information



To the community,

The Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) 511 Nevada Travel Info system has served more than 2 million calls for instant, free road weather and construction conditions.

Motorists can dial 511 toll-free, 24 hours a day for automated Nevada state road conditions, construction updates, weather forecasts, chain controls and scheduled event road closures. Newly-enhanced, hands-free voice recognition allows voice commands without pushing number selections. Out-of-state callers can dial 1-877-NV-ROADS to receive the same information. The road listings are also available on-line at www.nvroads.com. Online and by phone, users select their chosen road by state route number.

The service was activated for testing in August 2006 and officially introduced to the public in November of that year. In December 2009 alone, the system received 154,315 calls. The peak call month of January 2008 saw 223,160 calls for road information.

511 is an invaluable tool for the most up-to-date state road conditions, and we've been able to serve 2 million calls for information, NDOT Director Susan Martinovich explained. With the spring and summer construction season arriving soon, the service is ready to provide important road construction information to even more drivers.

The systems ongoing maintenance and long-distance charges are

funded by NDOT's roadside logo sign program at no taxpayer expense. The 511 system was developed by transportation and meteorological technology company, Meridian Environmental Technology.

For safety, motorists are encouraged to dial or log on before driving.

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