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Winter road information

The Oregon Department of Transportation is urging motorists to be prepared before hitting the road this winter by visiting their web site at www.Trip.Check.com or calling 511.

Winter weather and unprecedented levels of highway construction statewide mean drivers should be prepared. ODOT's TripCheck web site provides motorists with a one-stop site for Oregon travel information - current construction updates, view the latest road conditions via road cameras, get winter travel updates, and find tips on how to travel by bus, rail or ride-share. Travelers can easily access information about construction zones and approximate delay times by simply passing their cursor over an icon on a map. Alternately, the 511 system, created by the federal government in 2000, delivers traffic and weather information directly to callers over the phone.

TripCheck is a simple, easy-to-use system that focuses on timely information for Oregon travelers. In an average month, 1.2 million unique visitors consult the site, and during severe winter storms, usage has spiked as high as 3.3 million unique visitors.

If people will visit www.Trip.Check.com or call 511 for road conditions and travel-planning information for construction projects they will encounter, they will know what to expect and be better prepared for the conditions before heading out on the roads. It's important to plan ahead, slow down and buckle up.