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VDOT FOCUSED ON SECONDARY ROADS IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY – BUT MANY SLICK SPOTS REMAIN

STAUNTON – (4:00 a.m.) Most main roads in the Shenandoah Valley and Alleghany Highlands are in clear to minor condition early Tuesday morning. Most secondary routes, however, are in moderate condition with significant snow or ice cover. The Virginia Department of Transportation is currently focused on secondary roads, plowing and treating roadways around the clock. If possible, residents should avoid parking vehicles along neighborhood streets so that VDOT crews and contractors can fully clear snow.

Sunday's winter storm dumped 5 to 11 inches of snow and sleet to the 11-county VDOT Staunton District. Monday afternoon and night brought blowing and drifting snow, and a hard freeze that created black ice on wet surfaces. Ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and other elevated surfaces. VDOT urges drivers to use extreme caution in areas where ice may be present.

Here are the road conditions as of 4 a.m. Tuesday in the VDOT Staunton District:

Interstate 64 – Minor conditions in Alleghany County. Clear conditions in Rockbridge and Augusta counties.

Interstate 66 – Clear conditions in Warren County.

Interstate 81 – Clear conditions in Rockbridge, Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Frederick counties.

Primary roads – Moderate to minor conditions in Highland County. Minor conditions in Alleghany, Bath, Shenandoah and Frederick counties. Clear conditions in Rockbridge, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Clarke and Warren counties.

Secondary roads – Moderate conditions in Alleghany, Bath, Rockbridge, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah and Frederick counties. Minor conditions in Clarke and Warren counties.

For winter weather road conditions on <http://www.511Virginia.org>, click on “Text Views” on the orange bar at the top of the page, and then click on “Road Condition Table.” The pull-down box lists all jurisdictions. In this box individual counties can be chosen to view.

On the go? Visit VDOT’s [Free Virginia 511 Tools](#) to get your 511 app for android or iOS. Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511.

Access the VDOT Customer Service Center through its mobile friendly website at <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>. Agents are on site 24/7 every day of the year to assist the public. People can also call the VDOT Customer Service Center at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623).

The [Staunton District Snow Page](#) is on the VDOT website under Travel Center Snow Emergency Pages. The Staunton District Twitter feed is at [@VaDOTStaunton](#).

VDOT can be followed on Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and YouTube. RSS feeds are also available for statewide information. The VDOT Web page is located at <http://www.VirginiaDOT.org>.

The VDOT Staunton District serves Alleghany, Bath, Rockbridge, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah, Frederick, Clarke and Warren counties.

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Road condition definitions:

Severe – drifting or partially blocked road.

Moderate – snow or ice on major portions of the roadway.

Minor – bare pavement except for isolated spots of snow, ice or slush.

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