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NEWS RELEASE

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Marshall County Under Travel Advisory

The Marshall County Emergency Management Agency has upgraded Marshall County to a "Travel Watch" effective immediately.

A Travel Watch is the middle level of local travel restrictions. It means that travel conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a Watch, only essential travel is recommended. Travel watches are signified with orange on [statewide travel status maps](#).

The ongoing lake effect snow event is pummeling Marshall County at the time of this release. The intense band with snowfall rates of 1-2" per hour has stalled over the county. Original forecasts predicted the band would shift west but that has not happened. Whiteout conditions are being experienced making safe travel difficult to impossible.

Marshall County officials will continually assess road conditions and determine if a travel status upgrade or downgrade is warranted. Expect hazardous travel through at least Thursday evening.

Additionally, a Winter Storm Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service.

The Marshall County Highway Department and INDOT will both be out on the roads as capable, but dangerous travel conditions may limit their own effectiveness. Wind gusts up to 30 mph will also lead to drifting, putting a dent in plowing efforts.

Please avoid traveling if at all possible to allow crews safe operating conditions. Staying home will also help our public safety officials more efficiently respond to emergencies.

Thank you to our first responders, dispatchers, and plow drivers who are working throughout the night to keep us safe!

Stay tuned to local media and the Marshall County EMA for future updates – including an eventual return to normal travel status.