

More Motor Graders dispatched to clear the snow | Motorists and truck drivers freed but we are concerned that others are still trapped

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N3, KwaZulu-Natal: We are aware that although thousands of motorists and truck drivers have been freed, others are still trapped.

We have also noted a distressed post for urgent help from Radio Presenter Penny Ntuli and others. This is our main concern.

We wish to assure her, many others and their loved ones, that our team has doubled their efforts to clear the snow. This late afternoon we deployed more motor graders to clear the snow.

Our main focus is to enable the disaster management teams to urgently bring much needed relief.

Following the deployment of more graders, we wish to provide the following update to the members of the fourth estate and the public at large:

- N11 - Ladysmith to Newcastle *OPEN*
- N11 AMAJUBA PASS *OPEN*
- R33 - Vryheid to Dundee *OPEN* but water damping on the road at Cotswold
- R34 - Newcastle to Memel *CLOSED HIGHER UP*
- R34 - Newcastle to Bloodriver/Vryheid *OPEN*
- R33 - Vryheid to Paulpietersburg *OPEN*
- R34 - Vryheid to Melmoth *OPEN*
- R69 - Vryheid to Pongola *OPEN*
- N2 - Richardsbay to Piet Retief *OPEN*

Our hardworking and efficient team from Road Traffic Inspectorate will continue working flat out with disaster management teams and other law enforcement agencies.

In the meantime, motorists are requested to cancel any unnecessary travel.

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