

Snow in KZN, graders to remove it before it could accumulate to above 30cm. More than 170 rooms have made available at Montclair Lodge to accommodate destitute families: Duma says teams from Transport and Human Settlements will respond with agility to severe weather patterns triggered by a cut-off low pressure system

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We have just received an updated weather report from the South African Weather Services.

Accordingly, we have engaged with heads of both the Department of Transport and Department of Human Settlements to ensure that our teams respond with agility to predicted severe weather patterns triggered by a cut-off low pressure system

In particular, as per our standard snow-fall response plan, graders, working with Road Traffic Inspectorate Teams will remove the snow before it can accumulate to above 30 cm on our road networks.

RTI teams in snow-prone areas such as N3, around Ladysmith, Kokstad, Underberg, Harding, Ladysmith, Newcastle, N11, Pietermaritzburg and N2 will co-ordinate possible road closures to prevent motorists from getting stuck on the road.

Our road freight directorate will be engaging with stakeholders in the freight and logistics sector to ensure the execution of one coherent plan.

While we understand that there should be no disruption of supply chain management, the overall movement of trucks will be carefully co-ordinated to prevent congestion on our road networks.

In response to possible devastating floods, Team Human Settlements working with eThekweni Municipality, has made more than 170 rooms available at our newly acquired Montclair Lodge. We will accommodate families that may be left destitute.

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