



**SERIES OF NEWS RELEASES
WINS STORM INCIDENTS
THURSDAY JULY 22 2010**

From: Kyle Foreman
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 2:37 PM
To: ALLGRANTCOUNTY
Subject: EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO BLOWING DUST

INFORMATION PRELIMINARY – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO BLOWING DUST

MOSES LAKE (22 JULY 2010) – Grant County Emergency Management is urging motorists to avoid travel in the area of County Road 20-NE and Stratford Road north of Moses Lake due to blowing dust and zero visibility conditions.

Current Road Closures:

- Stratford Road closed northbound at County Road 18-NE and closed southbound at the town of Stratford (County Rd 22-NE).

Due to high winds which are not supposed to subside until this evening, further road closures may be implemented. Stay tuned to local radio and television stations for updated information.

No motor vehicle crashes have happened – this is a proactive road closure in the interest of public safety.

Updated information will be sent when available.

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Subject: UPDATE: EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO BLOWING DUST

INFORMATION PRELIMINARY – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UPDATE: EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO BLOWING DUST

MOSES LAKE (22 JULY 2010) – The Grant County Sheriff's Office and Grant County Road District have closed the following roads due to blowing dust and zero visibility:

- Stratford Road closed northbound at County Road 18-NE and closed southbound at the town of Stratford (County Rd 22-NE).
- County Road 20-NE at County Road I-NE (about five miles east of Soap Lake)

Motorists are urged to avoid travel on these roadways, and to stay alert for changing wind and dust conditions.

More information will be sent when available.

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Subject: UPDATE: WIND-RELATED INCIDENTS - GRANT COUNTY

INFORMATION PRELIMINARY – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UPDATE: INCIDENTS - HIGH WINDS – GRANT COUNTY

MOSES LAKE (22 JULY 2010) – The following incidents are occurring in Grant County. These incidents are either directly or indirectly impacted by the current windy conditions. Winds of 35 mph with gusts of up to 51 mph reported at Ephrata Airport.

1. **NEW: Structure Fire near Ephrata** – A barn fire reported at 13786 Road C.4-NW, about one mile south of Ephrata. Outbuilding 20' x 40' fully involved and collapsed upon arrival of fire department. (No photos available). Possibly caused by wildfire. No injuries reported. Fire under control.
2. **ROAD CLOSURES:** Grant County Sheriff's Office and Grant County Road District have closed the following roads due to blowing dust and zero visibility:
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