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1 Brattleboro DPW begins 'mud season' monitoring of dirt
2 roads

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5 The Brattleboro Department of Public Works advises
6 residents that changing temperatures in the coming weeks may
7 affect the condition of gravel roads throughout town as winter
8 frost leaves the ground and daytime temperatures increase.

9 This seasonal process, often referred to as "mud season,"
10 softens the road structure and can lead to muddy surfaces, ruts,
11 and uneven travel conditions on gravel roads.

12 Public Works staff will be monitoring these roads and
13 providing status updates daily through roadside signage, which
14 will be placed at the end of gravel roads throughout town.
15 Drivers are recommended to avoid driving on gravel roads, if
16 possible. If drivers must use a muddy road, they are advised to go
17 slowly and use extreme caution.

18 Road conditions will also be reported via an online map
19 at mapsonline.net/brattleborovt/index.html.

20 The roadside signage and online map are color-coded.
21 The colors indicate the following:

- 22 • Green: Passable by all vehicles. Expect seasonal
23 conditions.
- 24 • Yellow: Four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles
25 recommended. Some rutting and muddy conditions.
- 26 • Orange: Four-wheel drive or high-clearance vehicles
27 advised. Local traffic only. Expect heavy rutting and deep mud.
- 28 • Red: Closed to through traffic. Emergency vehicles and
29 residents with proper vehicles only. Some areas are not passable.

30 For any questions or concerns, contact the Department
31 of Public Works at 802-254-4255, or email Darren Pacheco at
32 dpacheco@brattleboro.gov.

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