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FLORIDA TRAVELERS URGED TO USE CAUTION AS POTENTIALLY DENSE FOG AFFECTS THE STATE THROUGH FRIDAY

TALLAHASSEE -- Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) officials are urging residents and visitors to use caution as patches of dense morning fog may affect north, central and southwest Florida roadways through Friday morning. Expect foggy conditions as far west as Escambia County and as far southwest as Okeechobee and Collier Counties.

“Warmer than normal overnight temperatures, high humidity levels, and calm winds will combine to create favorable dense fog conditions across much of the Florida Big Bend and Peninsula early Thursday and Friday morning,” said Brad Schaaf, a meteorologist with FDEM. “This fog is expected to linger until mid-morning, and motorists should be prepared for sudden drops in visibility.”

Drivers should avoid traveling in dense fog and follow these safety tips:

- During the morning hours when fog is heavier, slow down and allow for extra space between vehicles.
- Use low-beam headlights and be prepared to stop on short notice.
- Avoid driving distractions such as mobile phones and music devices.
- Monitor local road conditions for possible road closures.
- Use extreme caution and allow extra time to reach your destination.

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