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Date of Submission: October, 2009	Case #: 4 2009-10
Title of Hazard Alert: Compact Icy Snow Patches on Road	

Location of Incident:

Northern B.C

Date of Incident:

March 7, 2009

Details of Incident:

Two researchers were driving back to town in a rented 4X4 pickup after spending the day in the field. The highway they were traveling on had sections of icy compact snow interspersed with areas of bare pavement. Driving conditions were compounded by strong gusty winds. At about 6:30 PM a combination of weather and road conditions caused the driver to momentarily lose control of the vehicle. The rear end of the vehicle struck a snow bank on the road shoulder causing the vehicle to come to a stop. Neither researcher was injured; however a rear body section of the truck was damaged. The damage was not severe and the researchers were able to continue their trip.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

1. Be very aware of road/weather conditions and drive accordingly.
2. Drive very cautiously on compact snow. Slowing down is critical.
3. Be aware of driver fatigue and take preventative actions.