

SNOW PLOW POLICY - GARFIELD COUNTY

We will attempt to provide safe road conditions seven days a week during weather conditions that are not too severe. The Road Department Snow plow schedule assigns operators and equipment to plow specific routes. Snow plow assignments provide for a Monday through Thursday crew and a Tuesday through Friday crew that are on duty from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm or longer. Tuesday-Friday crews respond on Saturday and Monday-Thursday crews respond on Sundays. Severe weather conditions that jeopardize safety of our personnel or equipment as determined by the County Engineer may cause temporary suspension of plowing until conditions improve. Removal of berms left by snow plows at residences and field approaches are not the county's responsibility.


Plowing priorities are as follows:

1. Emergencies declared by Sheriff will be responded to at any time of day or night.
2. Schools: Bus routes are plowed Monday through Friday unless severe drifting conditions force temporary suspension until wind conditions subside. Snow workdays start at 5:00 am as determined by the County Engineer and continue throughout the day as necessary to provide safe travel for buses and local motorists.
3. Mail Routes: Plows will focus upon mail routes once school bus routes are opened.
4. Plows will be available for rural roads serving residences, farms, ranches and livestock feeding areas once school and mail routes are open. Motorists with emergencies must contact the Garfield County Sheriff.
5. Recreationists need to call the Washington State Patrol or the Garfield County Sheriff for current road conditions.

The Mountain Road to the Umatilla National Forest boundary will be plowed with available equipment when there is reasonable assurance the road will remain passable for 6 hours (more or less) and plowing effort is not wasted.


Dated this 30th day of December, 1996.


County Sheriff


County Prosecutor


Attest: Clerk of the Board


Commissioner Board Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner