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Hello Boundary County Drivers – The late summer weather we enjoyed has moved away and the fresh white dusting in the mountains above reminds us that winter is right around the corner. The Boundary County Road and Bridge Department hopes that you are ready for the driving conditions ahead. We would like to take a moment and remind everyone of several important factors to ensure that everyone makes it home safely to their families every day.

First off, Boundary County roads are not maintained 24 hours a day. We will have crews out 7 days a week to plow and sand but there are over 355 miles of county roads to maintain.

Secondly, we would like to remind everyone of several important safety topics for both the traveling public and our maintenance personnel.

- Idaho Code **18-3906** prohibits placing snow or ice on any public road in a manner that impedes traffic or makes it unsafe. So please do not plow across our county roads. This is a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$2,500. Also, Idaho Code **18-3907** prohibits obstructing any roadway or drainage that may damage a road.
- **Roads are maintained by a priority standard.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Priority will be all bus routes, arterials and major collectors.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority will be minor collectors and all other county roads.
- In general roads will not be sanded during an active snow event. Sanding will occur after roads have been cleared of snow.
  - Please ensure to have proper tires and/or chains to help you navigate our winter driving conditions.
- Application of sand on roadways is generally limited to hills, some corners, intersections and other areas deemed hazardous by Boundary County Road and Bridge.

- We will continue to use rock salt and/or a brine mixture in some areas deemed hazardous by the Road and Bridge Department to help facilitate de-icing.
- There may be several inches of snow on the ground before snow plowing commences.
- It may take several days after a snow event to get everything cleaned up and several more days to get snow pushed back and roads widened. Please be patient!
- Take a good look at your mailboxes. If you can wiggle or move it, you may need to repair or replace the post. Snow and slush are heavy and may damage anything in the rights of way during snow removal operations. Damage to old posts or snow being thrown by equipment will not be repaired or replaced by the Road and Bridge Department.
- We know that snow piled at the end of your driveway can be frustrating but please understand that this is for the most part unavoidable. The Road and Bridge Department is not responsible for clearing out the end of your driveway.

There are several ways the public can help us get the job done faster!

1. We know that snow is fun and that blinking lights and big equipment are cool but, please encourage children ***not*** to play in snow berms along the roads, or where snow gets pushed for road clearing.
2. Do not park along the roadways or in the county rights of way. Any vehicles parked along the roadway may be bermed in and it will be the owner's responsibility to shovel it out.
3. Remove everything from the county rights of way. This would include yard signs, decorations, temporary fences, garbage cans, or anything else that can be hit by our plows.
4. Slow down and move over for Road Maintenance Equipment. Follow at a safe distance to ensure no damage to your vehicle and that we can effectively clear the roads for you. Remember to Stay out of the equipment blind spots.

For further information please call the Boundary County Road and Bridge Department main office Monday – Thursday 6 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 267-3838