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SNOW PLOWING/SANDING POLICY

For informational purposes the County does not call-out employees after normal working hours, on weekends, or on holidays to remove snow/sand for snow accumulations less than three (3) inches, or during blizzard/high wind and drifting snow conditions until the wind has subsided.

Sanding operations are limited to intersections, steep grades, and sharp curves. Sand will not be applied until the falling snow has subsided. The County will call-out employees to sand these areas on major arterials if freezing rain over 1/8 inch thick adheres to the roadways.

The County will call-out employees to assist in medical or service outage emergencies, and multiple vehicle accident locations. However, if no employees are on duty, the response time can easily exceed an hour.

This policy is intended to allow the operators of vehicles properly equipped for Winter driving and driven prudently and at reduced speeds to travel on the roads. The priority for plowing/sanding is

- 1.) Major Arterials
- 2.) Minor Arterials with Steep Grades
- 3.) Other Arterials
- 4.) Rural and Local Access Connectors
- 5.) Dead-end Rural and Local Access Roads

Roads or road sections which are also identified as emergency School Bus Routes will receive first priority status within the above classifications when school is in session. Deviations to this priority schedule may occur to allow the best utilization of available equipment.

xc: Sheriff's Department
WA State Patrol, Wenatchee Detachment
Emergency Services
Board of County Commissioners