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## **BOUNDARY COUNTY**

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Hello Boundary County drivers- it looks like winter is here. We at the Boundary County Road & Bridge hope you are ready. Boundary County roads are not maintained 24 hours a day, however, we do have crew members out 7 days per week to plow and sand our county roads. It is up to you to have good tires and drive according to daily road conditions.

Road & Bridge maintains over 345 miles of county roads, therefore, we have created a priority of roads for the snow season:

- 1st Priority: all bus routes, arterials and major collectors
- 2nd Priority: minor collectors and all other local country roads

Once these roads are plowed, we will then sand the hills and corners as needed.

In years past, we have been using rock salt on the large hills and some of the shaded areas of roads to help with the melting of snow as well as traction. This year, in addition to rock salt, we have made approximately 25,000 gallons of salt brine to be used for anti-icing and de-icing of county roads, primarily oiled roads.

There are several ways the public can help with the clearing of roads:

- please do not park on or near the side of the road or in snow plow turn-around areas
- please remove or mark any large objects near your driveway that are within the county right of way, which is usually 25 feet from the center of the road to each side

When plowing personal driveways, please keep in mind that Idaho Code 18-3906 states do not plow across or into county roads in a manner that impedes traffic or makes it unsafe and Idaho Code 18-3907 states do not place snow in a manner that affects water flow in a ditch line- for ex. blocking culverts or plowing snow into the ditch.

The Road & Bridge operators do not try to hit mail boxes, however, snow is heavy and moving so if your mail box is not on a good post or is not anchored down properly, it may go flying so please check them and make any necessary repairs. We are not responsible for cleaning around or under your mailbox.

Our crew members in snow removal equipment have your safe travels in mind, please give them room to complete their job. If we all work together we can get where we are going and get home safely.

Sincerely,

The Road & Bridge Crew