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RESOLUTION #99-7

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING POLICY BOUNDARY COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

WHEREAS, it is the general policy for Boundary County Road & Bridge Department to maintain the roads on the Boundary County system in as safe a condition as possible during winter months, depending upon available budget, manpower and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the adequacy of this policy is also dependent upon variables not within the control of Boundary County such as weather conditions and the capabilities of the traveling public who must prepare for winter driving through prudent operating practices, use of winter tires or chains, and adequate vehicle maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to set general policy, not to forbid exercise of judgement by field supervisors or personnel,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Boundary County, Idaho, as follows:

A system of sub-priorities has been set up as guidelines to aid foremen in making decisions, as follows:

- <u>1st Priority</u> Heaviest traffic routes and danger spots such as steep grades, sharp curves with significant traffic levels, busy intersections, well-traveled bridges, arterials and approaches traveled by school buses and most primary routes.
- <u>2nd Priority</u> Medium to heavily traveled sections of highway on primary and collector systems, including routes traveled by commuters.
- <u>3rd Priority</u> Lighter traveled sections of highway including collector and local roads and roads serving winter recreation areas.

That snow removal operations will generally begin after a snowstorm has subsided with snow to be plowed from roadways to provide two-way traffic as soon as practicable. Additional clearing of roadway shoulders and intersections may be performed after the initial snow removal operations have been completed. Overtime snow removal, including weekends and holidays will be performed for snow depths of 6" or more; and

That the Boundary County Road & Bridge Department should place primary efforts on clearing travel ways and will not be responsible for the berm of snow left in driveways due to the plowing actions of a snow blade; and

Unless deemed necessary, sanding will not be performed until the roadway has been plowed. Use of sand will be limited to steep roadway grades, at intersections, on overhead structures, and in the other areas determined by the Road & Bridge Department to be hazardous. It will not be

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standard policy to sand straight stretches of highway because of a snow floor. Field personnel are directed not to use road salt in the course of regular winter maintenance for budgetary and environmental reasons; and

That Boundary County Road & Bridge reserves the right to make changes in priorities and levels of service upon available budget resources as well as weather and road conditions.

ADOPTED as a Resolution at the regular meeting of Boundary County Road & Bridge on the 5-16 day of <u>January</u>, 1998, upon a motion made by <u>January Stones</u> seconded by <u>January</u> upon which the following roll call vote was had:

Boundary Co. Road & Bridge Superintendent

Boundary Co. Commissioners:

Board Chairman Board Member

Board Member



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