



ROUTT COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

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WINTER CONDITIONS... WHERE'S THE PLOW?

Routt County, Colorado – Snow plows are on the equipment, sand trucks are loaded, and County crews have started plowing as winter has returned and storms are cycling through Routt County.

There are no changes to the plowing program this year, and crews will continue to head out on one plow shift from 3:00 a.m. to noon or from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if there is between 4 to 6 inches of snow on the road. The earlier shift times are designed to minimize traffic interference and manage the more common nighttime storm events. If less than four (4) inches of snow accumulates, a limited crew may come in to sand the paved roads only.

There is generally no plowing between 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., so use extra caution during afternoon and evening storms when plows are not out. Yes, the County crews still plow on weekends and holidays following the same shifts as during the week if there is between 4 to 6 inches of snow.

Across Routt County there is considerable variability in snowfall due to differing weather patterns, elevation and terrain. Each one of the three (3) maintenance districts (Steamboat, Hayden and Oak Creek) makes the call to plow based on conditions in their area. In addition to County crews, private contractors may be out on the roads. Private contractors plow private streets and obtain a permit to plow non-county maintained roads. These varying factors are why plow crews may be out on some routes and not others.

Please help us keep your roads clear by:

1. Plowing driveway snow onto your lot and not into the road;
2. Keeping vehicles parked out of the right-of-way;
3. Keeping trash and recycle cans in the driveway and out of the road;
4. Yielding to snow plows; and
5. Slowing down and staying alert to changing road conditions.

Should you have any questions, please call the Routt County Road & Bridge Department at (970) 879-0831 or the Routt County Sheriff's Office at (970) 879-1090. Thank you!

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