



Custer County Snow Removal Policy

Approved By Custer County Board of Commissioners December 27, 2017

Custer County maintains approximately 231 miles of county roads during the winter, WHEREAS, it is the intent of Custer County Road and Bridge to maintain the road system in as safe a condition as possible throughout the winter months. *The following Policy has been established to provide information for the public and to establish guidelines for the Road and Bridge Department staff to follow, in order to ensure consistent practices for snow removal during the winter season.*

Some variation in this plan may be necessary as special snow conditions arise.

BASIS OF POLICY

HOURS OF OPERATION

Snowplows operate on a schedule designed to keep the roads open for the majority of its users. School bus routes, mail routes and steep dangerous routes will take first priority. Other principal routes are the next priority. Operations will be halted when A. service levels are reached B. conditions are too hazardous C. reasonable accomplishments cannot be made. Roads are to be closed for public travel when, in the judgement of the Road and Bridge Supervisor, it is unsafe for the public to travel on the roads. After hours, on weekends and Holiday's snow removal will be done on a limited basis, this decision will be made by the Road and Bridge Supervisor, with the main emphasis on the mail routes, busiest routes and emergency requests from Law Enforcement.

ROAD PRIORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1ST Priority – Danger spots such as steep grades, sharp curves, intersections, bridge decks and approaches traveled by school buses, school bus turnarounds, mail routes, ramps and other acute hazards, and Heaviest Traffic Routes.

2nd Priority – Medium to heavy traveled sections of highway including primary and secondary road systems.

3rd Priority – Lighter traveled section of highway, including primary, secondary and areas for winter recreational vehicles.

Depending on the severity or timing of snow storms, we cannot guarantee when snow removal may occur in your area.

Loose snow will be removed from the road surface to road right of ways. In residential area, some driveways will receive snow. County crews will make every reasonable attempt to not block driveways and private roads however the County Crew is not responsible for clearing driveways or other private roads. Residents should keep vehicles, garbage cans and other items out of the road right-of-way to facilitate snow plowing and storage. The County **will not** be liable for vehicle damage, mailboxes, broken fences, trees and other items located in the road right of way. In between storms, cleanup operations are ongoing for several days and is completed by widening the roadways, winging the banks back and cutting the snow floor.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Vehicles and other personal property left in the County right-of-way obstructing snow plowing equipment will be towed at the owner's expense by request of the Custer County Road and Bridge Department. (Idaho state Code 49-106A-11D)

Pushing snow from your driveway into the right-of-way or across the roadway is illegal and causes traffic hazards. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze in to a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Piles of snow increase the chance of drifting onto the roadway. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in the roadway or right-of-way **will result** in liability to the property owner. Pushing snow across the road, leaving or blowing snow on the road and similar activities is a violation of the Idaho State Code Section 18-3907 which reads in part "Obstruction of Highways- Any person who obstructs, injures or damages any public road, street or highway, either by placing obstruction therein or by digging in, or in any other manner injures or obstructs any public road, street or highway, is guilty of a misdemeanor" which is punishable by Court Order.

STRANDED MOTORISTS

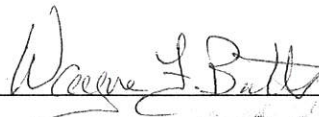
Plow operators may assist stranded motorists by contacting local law enforcement and/or emergency personnel. Plow operators will not attempt to remove a stuck vehicle unless initiated by law enforcement and approved by the County Road and Bridge Supervisor or Relief Foreman.

CONTACT INFORMATION

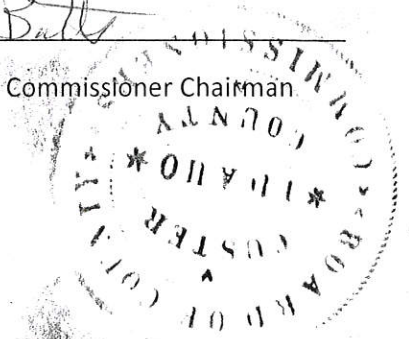
Questions or concerns regarding County road snow removal should be directed to the Custer County Road and Bridge Department at (208)879-2379 during normal business hours. Monday – Thursday (7:00am – 5:30pm) ***After hour's questions or emergencies please contact Custer Co. Sheriff's Office.***

Adopted and approved the 27 day of December, 2017 - Board of Custer County Commissioners

Upon motion from Commissioner Smith and second from Commissioner Corgatelli the same was approved with a vote of 3 Aye and 0 Nay.



Wayne F. Butts, Commissioner Chairman

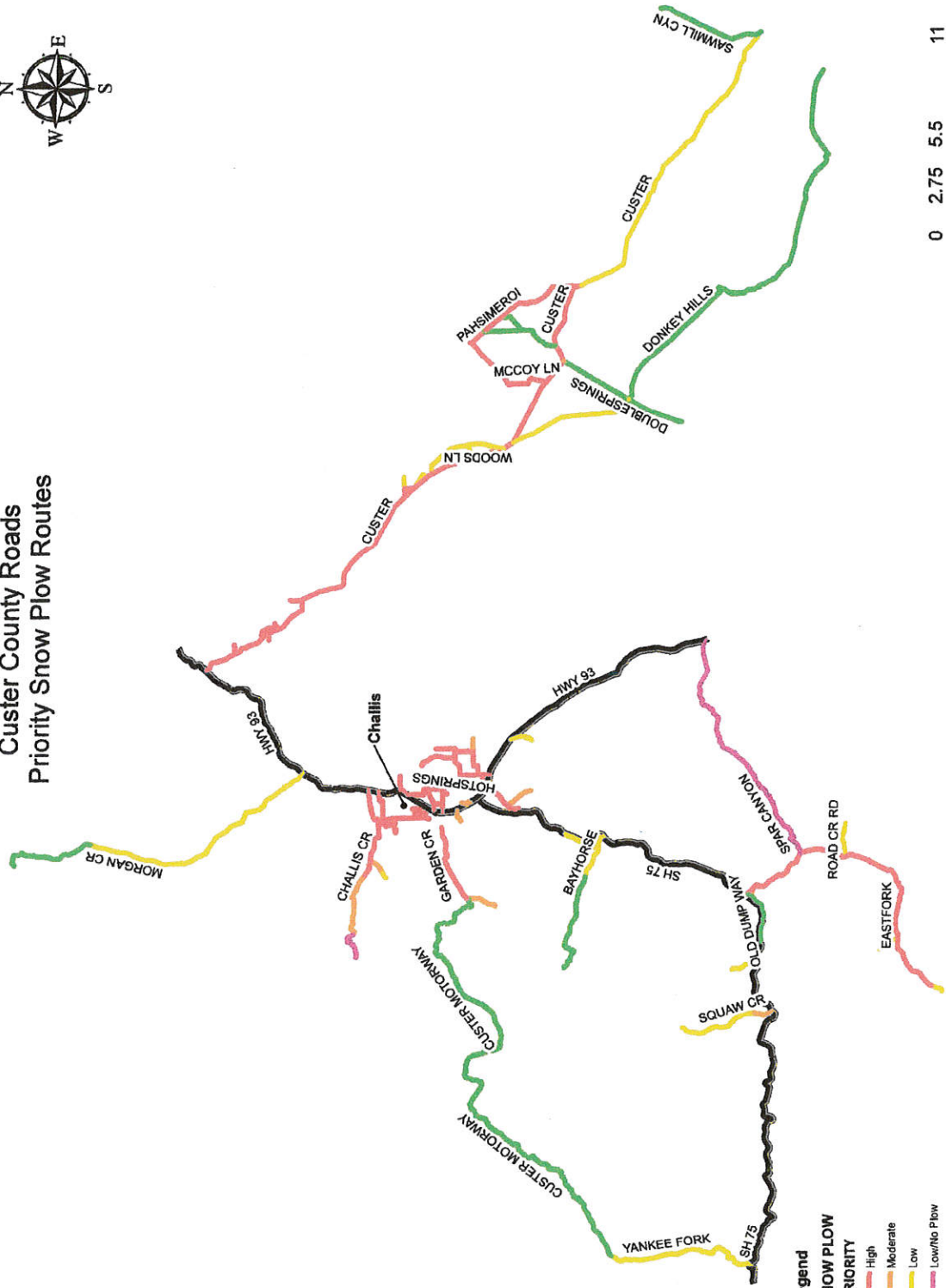


Attest: |



Lura H. Baker, Custer County Clerk

Custer County Roads Priority Snow Plow Routes



- Legend**
- SNOW PLOW PRIORITY**
- High
 - Moderate
 - Low
 - Low/No Plow
 - No Plow



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