

**BUHL HIGHWAY DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2024-02**

WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

WHEREAS, It is the general policy of the Buhl Highway District to maintain the roads in the Buhl Highway District system in a safe condition as possible during winter months, depending upon available budget, staffing, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the adequacy of this policy is also dependent upon variables not within the control of the Buhl Highway District, 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 and/or chains, and adequate vehicle maintenance; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to set general policy, not to forbid to exercise judgement by Commissioners, Supervisors, Foreman or field personnel,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Buhl Highway District, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as follows:

- The Buhl Highway District will remove snow that is a minimum of three (3) inches in depth during the standard work week and four (4) to six (6) inches on recognized holidays and/or weekends as determined by the District.

The Buhl Highway District Roads will be plowed according to the following priority:

- 1st Priority** School bus routes, steep grades, sharp curves with significant traffic levels, busy intersections, and major collector routes.
- 2nd Priority** Roads and intersections with significant traffic, major curves, and minor collector roads.
- 3rd Priority** Rural routes with lighter traffic, subdivisions, minor curves, and minor intersections.

The 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 practical. Additional widening and clearing of roadway shoulders and intersections may be performed after the initial snow removal operations have been completed and the snow removal crew has allotted time remaining, as determined by supervisors and foremen; and

The Buhl Highway District shall place primary efforts on clearing travel ways and will not be responsible for the berms of snow left in driveways or mailboxes due to the plowing actions of snow removal equipment; and

The Buhl Highway District is not responsible for damages to mailboxes that do not meet the District's standard of a minimum eight-foot requirement from the edge of the roadway. If the placement of the mailbox meets or exceeds the minimum requirement, the Highway District will repair or replace the mailbox with a 4x4 post and a standard mailbox; and

The Buhl Highway District shall not plow or sand on private property, except for emergencies requested by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office or Emergency Services and determined by the Board of Commissioners or the District Supervisors to not endanger the District employees or

jeopardize the District equipment to make it unavailable for District use in the maintenance of the public roadways; and

The sanding/chemical treatment will not be performed until the roadway has been plowed. Use of sand/chemical treatments will be limited to steep roadway grades, at intersections, on sharp curves with significant traffic levels, and in other areas determined by the District to be hazardous. Sanding/chemical operations will not generally be performed while a snowstorm is in progress. It will not be standard policy to sand straight stretches of highway because of snow floor. The sanding/chemical operations performed by the District are only an aid to the traveling public and do not return the road to normal conditions; and

The Buhl Highway District reserves the right to make changes in priorities and levels of service based on available budget resources as well as weather and road conditions.

ADOPTED this 9th Day of December 2024

**BUHL HIGHWAY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

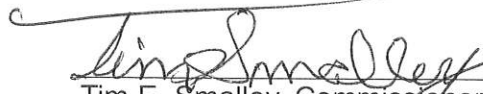




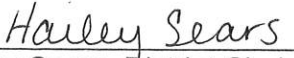
Neal D. Gier, Chairman



Gary D. Reynolds, Vice Chairman



Tim E. Smalley, Commissioner

Attest: 

Hailey Sears, District Clerk

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1st Priority:

1400 East – Dump Ground Road
4300 North – Melon Valley Road
1325 East – Carter Pack Road
3700 North (West End) – Balanced Rock Grade
4200 North 1100 East – Black Bear
Bridges:

1700 East 3900 North
1500 East 3900 North
1400 East 3850 North