

# RESOLUTION 2005-07

## SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING POLICY FOR WORLEY HIGHWAY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, it is the general policy for Worley Highway District to maintain the roads on the Worley Highway District 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 Worley 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 exercise of judgment by Commissioners, Supervisors, Foremen or field personnel,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Worley Highway District, Kootenai County, Idaho, as follows:

That the first priority of the Worley Highway District is the removal of snow that is a minimum of six (6) inches in depth (eight (8) inches on recognized holidays) as determined by the District and the second priority is sanding; a system of sub-priorities has been established as guidelines to aid supervisors and foremen in making decisions, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Priority      School bus routes, steep grades, sharp curves with significant traffic levels, busy intersections and major collector routes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority      Roads and intersections with a significant amount of traffic, major curves and minor collector roads.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority      Rural routes with lighter traffic, minor curves and minor intersections. The dumpster sites and fire stations will be plowed in the best possible manner due to their layout under this priority.

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 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

That Worley Highway District has a set policy for time worked by employees at a maximum of twelve (12) hours, with an absolute maximum time of sixteen (16) hours in emergency situations. This policy is set for safety for the employees and the traveling public; and

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

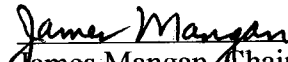
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The Worley Highway District shall not plow or sand on private property, except for emergencies requested by the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department and determined by the Board of Commissioners or the District Supervisor to not endanger the District employees or jeopardize the District equipment to make it unavailable for District use in maintenance of the public roadways; and

That sanding will not be performed until the roadway has been plowed. Use of sand 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 operations will not 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 operations performed by the District are only an aid to the traveling public and do not return the road to normal conditions. The District does not use road salt or de-icing agents in the course of regular winter maintenance for budgetary and environmental reasons; and

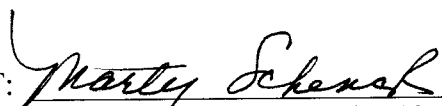
That Worley Highway District reserves the right to make changes in priorities and levels of service upon available budget resources as well as weather and road conditions.

ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

  
James Mangan, Chairman of the Board

  
Tom Feely, Commissioner

  
George Miller, Commissioner

ATTEST:   
Marty Schenck, District Clerk