

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING POLICY

It is the policy of Butte County to initiate snow removal operations to maintain traffic as long as visibility is above minimum and weather conditions are as such that plowing can be done safely and effectively for a period of at least five (5) hours.

The County Highway Superintendent, or his assignee, has the responsibility for initiating all snow removal actions using his best judgment and considering all prevailing weather conditions, amount of snow fall, type of snow fall and what areas are affected most. He also will commence operations at emergencies or extreme conditions.

The general practice will be as follows: When snow fall is at least two (2) inches but less than four (4) inches all hard surfaced roads will be plowed during normal working hours, provided that the prevailing winds are such that snow remains on the traveled portion of the road. With a snow fall of four (4) inches or more all gravel roads as well as hard surfaced roads will be plowed during normal working hours as well as weekends and holidays.

The priority of which roads are plowed and the sequence is left up to the Highway Superintendent with input from the three satellite personnel, taking into account the reported amounts, type and areas of snow fall.

The Butte County Highway Superintendent has been directed to sand areas designated such as bridges, steep hills, curves, and intersections on all the roads in the Butte County Highway System. Also areas designated as high traffic volume areas, and areas that numerous school bus stops are required or areas designated by the Highway Superintendent.

The Highway Department shall have the authority to sand in areas that have been classified as danger areas by the Department, such as accidents or for emergency vehicles.

The Highway Superintendent, or his assignee, has the Authority to sand before and after normal working hours due to adverse weather conditions.

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