

# RESOLUTION 2008-04

## EAST SIDE DISTRICT SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING POLICY

**WHEREAS**, it is the general policy for East Side Highway District to maintain the roads on the East Side 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 East Side 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 East Side Highway District, Kootenai County, Idaho, conditions for snow plowing are as follows:

- The East Side Highway District will remove snow that is a minimum of: two (2) inches to four (4) inches in depth during the standard work week; and four (4) to six (6) inches on recognized holidays and/or week-ends as determined by the District.

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

**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;

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

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The East Side 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.

That East Side 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** on this 4th day of February, 2008.

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Jimmie Dorsey, Chairman of the Board

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Lawrence R. Edinger, Commissioner

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Terry Sverdsten, Commissioner

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Sieverding District Clerk