## **RESOLUTION #99-6**

## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING POLICY FOR BOISE COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is the general policy for the Boise County Road Department to maintain the roads on the Boise County road system in as safe a condition as practical 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 Boise County such as weather conditions and the capabilities of the traveling public who must prepare for winter driving through prudent operating practices, use of four wheel drive, winter tires and/or chains, and adequate vehicle maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is intended to set general policy, not to forbid exercise of judgement by field supervisors or personnel,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** this Resolution is intended to get general policy, not to forbid exercise of judgment by field supervisors or personnel,

1<sup>st</sup> Priority Heaviest traffic routes and danger spots such as steep grades, sharp curves with significant traffic levels, busy intersections, well-traveled bridges, major arteries and approaches traveled by school buses and most primary routes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Priority Medium to heavily traveled sections of highway on primary and collector systems, including routes traveled by commuters.

3<sup>rd</sup> Priority Lighter traveled sections of highway including collector and local roads and roads serving winter recreation areas.

That snow removal operations will generally begin as soon as needed with snow to be plowed from roadways to provide two-way traffic as soon as practicable. Additional clearing of roadway shoulders and intersections may be performed after the initial snow removal operations have been completed; and

That Boise County road Department will contact law enforcement for the ticketing and or towing of any vehicles illegally parked.

That the Road Department should place primary efforts on clearing travel ways and will not be responsible for the berm of snow left in driveways due to the plowing action of a snowblade; 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 overhead structures, and in other areas determined by the department to be hazardous. It will not be standard policy to sand straight stretches of highway because of snow floor, nor will it be standard practice to sand on weekends and/or holidays; and

The Road Department shall not remove snow from private driveways and/or private property, except in situations declared a snow emergency by the Board of County Commissioners; and

That operators of motor vehicles and equipment while on duty should not operate same for a continuous period of more than 10 hours, nor should the combined duty period exceed 12 hours in any 24 hour period without at least 8 consecutive hours of rest. The 24 hour period is defined as starting at 0000 (midnight); and

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

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Boise County Board of Commissioners in open session on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1998.

John S. Foard, Jr., Chairman

John N. Dyer, Commissioner

Harold E. Raper, Commissioner

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Attest:

Rora A. Canody, Clerk to the Board