

Winter weather is upon us and the Lincoln County Public Works Department would like to remind the public of its policy for snow plowing and pulling out private vehicles.

1. Crews will not plow roads during a winter storm except in emergency situations. An emergency situation is defined as only an event where fire, police, emergency medical services are called upon to respond quickly to prevent harm to or loss of human life or property. Damages to private property as a result of emergency opening of private lanes will be the sole responsibility of the landowner/leasee.
2. Paved roads will not be plowed until there is an accumulation of 2" or more of snow.
3. Aggregate surfaced roads will not be plowed until there is 4" or more of snow.
4. During periods of drifting snow, roads will be patrolled and plowing will take place at the discretion of the area supervisors and Maintenance Superintendent.
5. School bus routes on county roads will receive first priority with mail routes following and then the balance of the road system.
6. Canyon roads and steep grades will be sanded at the discretion of the area supervisor and Maintenance Superintendent.
7. County equipment is not to be used to extract stuck private vehicles except in emergency situations. An emergency situation is described as an individual needing immediate medical attention or an individual being exposed to severe weather without assistance, etc. The only exception is when a private vehicle is completely blocking the roadway, preventing the snow equipment from proceeding.
8. In accordance with the Laws of the State of Washington, private lanes will not be plowed except for emergency situations.