

# Carbon County Road & Bridge



## Snow Removal Policy

Our policy is to keep the roads open, safe, and usable for all drivers, to the extent that we possibly can. The following plan covers the procedures Carbon County Road & Bridge will follow during the winter months for snow removal. Any of these operations may be altered at the discretion of the Road & Bridge Department depending on conditions and/or available resources.

Our priorities are the more highly traveled roads and the main arteries, such as established school bus routes and mail routes. We start early on mornings with fresh snowfall and try to get as many roads plowed as early as possible. On most days we plow snow all through the day. We are not a 24/7 establishment and we cannot work around the clock. The Road & Bridge Department will collaborate with each District Area to determine whether snow removal operations are necessary outside the normal scheduled work hours. The normal schedule work week is Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

When there is significant snowfall and high winds develop, we are not able, at times, to keep all the roads open. There are situations where, in just 10 or 15 minutes, the road goes from freshly plowed to again impassable. In such instances, the decision may be made by the Road & Bridge Department to suspend all plowing operations, until the wind/storm diminishes, and actual progress can again be realized in keeping the roads open. Even when that happens, we still work with the school transportation department to insure the buses are cared for and the kids are returned home safely.

We do not respond to calls from people who become stuck and want help getting out, or who want a ride to their destination. We are not a towing company, or a public transportation company. You are responsible to know the weather conditions that may impact these county roads. You must use your judgment on the weather conditions and whether you and the vehicle you're in possess the skills to traverse the road. With that in mind, the decision and responsibility for winter travel falls to the individual. Our purpose is and must be to open the roads in a safe manner.

We often receive complaints from those living along county roads who say that our clearing the drifts from the road results in their driveway approaches being filled with snow. Unfortunately, that does happen, and when

using a V-plow or trying to move as much snow as possible downwind in order to keep the roads open, the result may be snow in driveways. If we were to stop and plow out every driveway along every county road, it would take us several days longer to cover the whole county with the plows. That makes it unfeasible to do so. The other option would be to not plow the section of road in front of their driveway, but then they would still be blocked in. So we have to deal with several hundred miles of drifted and blocked county roads, and they may have to deal with the 3 or 4 feet at the end of their driveway. We cannot go outside of our county right of way or across pipelines to make a winter road. Bottom line, the county will not plow private drives or roads of any kind.

We know there are a lot of people who absolutely have to use county roads for very good reasons, such as cattle-feeding operations, and those with other livestock to care for. In many cases those people do not wait for us to get there when we can, but rather take it on their own to use their loaders, tractors, and so on to open the roads they need to use. We would just ask that they coordinate with us beforehand and try not to tear up the road, or remove the gravel along with the snow. However, if private snowplowing on a county road occurs on a regular basis, please contact Road & Bridge Department to request a snow removal permit.

On occasion, too, there are legitimate emergency situations where access to a county road is a must, such as those who become lost or have various medical needs. The Road and Bridge is committed to doing all we can to assist in such critical matters, whenever they arise. We would encourage people in the area, especially those considerable distances from town, or those who live on less traveled county or state roads, to give thought to keeping on hand adequate supplies of food, medicine and prescriptions, propane, livestock feed, and other daily essentials. It may be prudent to stock up on such items at times when the weather and the road conditions are good for travel.

Finally, when Emergency Management issues a travel advisory, or asks people to eliminate unnecessary travel and to just stay home, that advice should be heeded carefully. The Road and Bridge Department will work together with local law enforcement and other agencies to keep the public advised of current conditions and at times when the plowing is suspended until conditions improve, the public will be made aware of it. People need to weigh carefully if driving in such conditions is really necessary, and if it is worth the risk.

If you have an emergency situation call **911 immediately**

## NO SEASONAL ROUTES WILL BE PLOWED

### List of Seasonal Roads

#### **Baggs Area**

County Road 501	Cherry Grove Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 4.3 to 8.6
County Road 503	McCarty Canyon	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 1.0 to 37.2
County Road 602	Browns Hill Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 17.0
County Road 605S	Twenty Mile Road South	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 1.5
County Road 607	Dolan Lane Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 1.2 to 2.0
County Road 608	Wild Cow Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 22.5
County Road 706	Big Gulch Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 2.0 to 6.0
County Road 730N	Paintbrush Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 2.15
County Road 752	Stock Drive Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 5.0
County Road 754	Sandstone Stock Drive	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.1 to 3.2

#### **Encampment Area**

County Road 211	Blackhall Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 4.1 to 6.6
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County Road 353	Finley Hill Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 1.0 to 6.6
County Road 387	South Spring Creek Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 12.01 to 16.5
County Road 798	Holroyd Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 4.3
County Road 660	Sanger French Creek Road	Minimal Maintenance from Milepost 10.21 to 14.33

**Rawlins Area**

County Road 100	Ferris Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 14.2
County Road 345	Savage Ranch Spur	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 5.1
County Road 347S	Savage Ranch Spur South	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 7.1
County Road 401	Sage Creek Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 5.7 to 34.5
County Road 497	Buzzard/Willow Hill Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 6.7 to 30.2
County Road 499	North Ferris Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 4.3 to 15.0
County Road 503	McCarty Canyon Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 36.2
County Road 505E	Miller Hill Road East	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 7.0
County Road 505W	Miller Hill Road West	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 18.4
County Road 605N	Twenty Mile Road North	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 2.0 to 24.35

**Saratoga Area**

County Road 215S	Stock Driveway Road South	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.9 to 7.8
County Road 385	North Spring Creek Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 10.25 to 15.9
County Road 400	Rattle Snake Road	Minimal Maintenance from Milepost 3.26 to 11.4
County Road 406	ZN Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 3.19
County Road 408	Bolton/4 Bar Lane Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 3.45 to 10.25
County Road 500	Jack Creek Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 11.1 to 23.63
County Road 504	Hay Creek Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 11.2 to 15.3
County Road 508	Pick Bridge Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 3.02 to 6.91

**Hanna Area**

County Road 102	Leo-Shirley Basin Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 21.7
County Road 191	Troublesome Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 3.0
County Road 316	Old Lincoln Highway Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 2.0 to 6.9

**Elk Mountain Area**

County Road 15	Cooper Cove Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 1.2 to 11.4
County Road 101	Medicine Bow Ranger Station	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 6.0 to 11.7
County Road 400	Rattle Snake Pass	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 11.4 to 20.3
County Road 402	Elk Mountain Arlington Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 3.0 to 13.8

**Medicine Bow Area**

County Road 1	Medicine Bow – McFadden	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 10.0 to 20.48
County Road 2W	Shirley Ridge Road West	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 7.9
County Road 97	Shirley Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 4.4 to 8.0
County Road 99	Little Medicine Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 14.0
County Road 102	Leo-Shirley Basin Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 20.0
County Road 103	Dry Creek Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 0.0 to 9.5
County Road 115	Elk Mountain/Carbon Road	No Winter Maintenance from Milepost 1.0 to 14.6

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Baggs Shop – 307-383-6432  
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 Elk Mountain Shop – 307-348-7392  
 Saratoga Shop – 307-326-5681  
 Medicine Bow Shop – 307-379-2286  
 Hanna Shop – 307-325-6820