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JACKSON COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE SNOW PLAN POLICY

Winter maintenance typically occurs from November through April, as equipment and personnel allows. Jackson County Road & Bridge (JCRB) roadways do NOT include highways such as CO Highways 14, 125 and 127. These roads are maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). JCRB does not plow roads and streets within Walden, with the exceptions of parts of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th and Main Street as detailed on page 2. All of JCRB's equipment has identifying logos on them.

Typically, roads are plowed at a fairly consistent time. Snow intensity, snow depth, icy conditions, wind, temperature, equipment breakdowns, staffing, and other variables may affect Jackson County's plowing schedule. Plowing schedules will change as conditions require. For snow and ice related problems on Jackson County roads or Right of Ways, please contact Jackson County Road & Bridge @ 970-723-4481.

SNOW PLOWING PRIORITIES

Roads in Jackson County are assigned a priority for snow removal. High volume roads have a high priority and are completed first. Lower volume roads and local access roads are plowed once major roads are open. This prioritization allows Jackson County to use County resources and manpower to open roads to the largest number of citizens, visitors, and emergency responders ensuring safe travel.

- **Primary Roads** are all arterial, major/minor collectors and some local roads. These roads usually connect Jackson County with other counties and may include high traffic roads. These roads and routes receive the highest level of maintenance to allow for safe travel to major streets or highways. Roads are plowed as weather conditions require. Refer to Appendix A for a list of County roadways assigned a "Primary" designation.
- **Secondary Roads** will be maintained after the Primary Snowplow Routes have been cleared or as personnel & equipment become available. Most Secondary Roads are defined by a direct or close access point from a Primary Road. Most of Jackson County's secondary roads are gravel surfaced, and the County leaves some snowpack on these roads to keep from

plowing gravel off the road. These roads will be plowed during scheduled shifts when weather conditions warrant. Blowing and drifting snow may also play a factor in which order Snowplow Routes are completed.

- **Local Access Roads**, or low volume roads, will be plowed after all primary and secondary roads have been cleared, unless there is an emergency request by public safety personnel. Every attempt will be made to plow these roads as soon as possible.
- **Private and non-maintained roads** will neither be plowed nor maintained unless directed by the Board of County Commissioners. Private road arrangements may be evaluated on a case by case basis for effective benefit to the County's road maintenance plans and this Snow Plan Policy. Specifically, the County may rely on permission from private landowners to access private land and/or roads to create and maintain drift lanes. Jackson County will not plow private driveways or roads except in an emergency situation. If a request to plow a private driveway or road comes from the Sheriff's office, the request will be considered by the Road & Bridge Supervisor and/or the Road & Bridge Foreman.
- **Major Roadways in Town of Walden** will be plowed as needed to assist the Town of Walden. This would include 5th Street, Main Street, parts of 1st Street and 2nd Street; 7th Street will be plowed until depth of snow closes it for the winter.

SNOW PLOWING SCHEDULE

- Jackson County will perform duties between the hours of 7:00am-4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- All snow removal routes will be plowed in the same order for every snow event, as consistency for citizens is important. However, some Snowplow Routes may vary depending on the amount of snowfall.
- Some recreational parking lots may be cleaned up the following day. Please note, one snow event equates to about three days of clean up per route.
- Operators may be asked to cover their plow routes, especially on Primary Roads, for up to 12 hours dependent on weather conditions. JCRB limits Operators to 12-hour shifts for safety of employees and the travelling public.
- Jackson County does not routinely plow on weekends, except at the discretion of the JCRB Supervisor, or if not plowing is detrimental to future plowing efforts on county roads. Contractors may be used as needed, also at the discretion of the JCRB Supervisor.

SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

• When Jackson County experiences extreme weather (i.e.: blizzards, high winds or both) your road may take longer to be plowed. High winds can cover previously plowed roads with snow in a matter of hours or even minutes. When these conditions exist, Jackson County will cease operations until it is safe for Operators to continue their Snowplow Routes. When visibility becomes a safety factor, not just for the Operator but the traveling public as well, Jackson County will cease plowing operations until conditions improve.

- After a storm, as a result of the snow plowing of your road, there may be a “berm” of snow across your driveway or parking lot. Jackson County does NOT have the resources or obligation to keep driveways plowed out. This is the responsibility of the resident or business. Reasonable efforts are made to plow in a manner to minimize the amount of snow left behind. The general rule of thumb is, “Half of the snow in the road is plowed toward your property and the other half (across the road) is plowed toward your neighbor’s property.”

- Jackson County’s Right Of Way (ROW) varies 9-50 feet from the centerline of the road. This ROW includes area for snow storage, drainage, signage, and utilities. Jackson County normally utilizes the first 10-15 feet of the shoulder of the road for snow storage and drainage. This snow storage is necessary to keep snow off the roads. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep Jackson County Right Of Ways cleared of landscaping, fencing, trees, driveway design, etc. that may be damaged by snow plow operations if such obstruction is in the County ROW. Insufficient ROW clearance during snow maintenance may cause damage to fences. Jackson County is not responsible for any damage in County ROW.

- Property owners and/or contractors shall not create hazards within County ROWs (e.g.: plowing snow off private driveways, leaving snow windrows, piling up construction materials, trash cans, etc.). Doing so may subject property owners and/or contractors to prosecution under C.R.S. 43-5-301, C.R.S. 18-9-107. Pushing snow onto or across county roads endangers the traveling public as well as inhibits snow removal operations.

PARKING ON COUNTY ROADS IN THE WINTER

- Parking on Jackson County roads during winter is prohibited where posted with signs designating “No Parking”. Failure to adhere to these no parking areas may cause the vehicle to be towed if it impedes snow removal operations, or most likely, will result in a snow berm being created around the vehicle making it very difficult to move the vehicle. Potential damage to a snow-covered vehicle may be caused if the vehicle not visible to the plow operator.


Adopted this 24th day of October 2023.



Coby L. Corkle, Chair



Daniel E. Manville, Commissioner



Jeff Benson, Commissioner

APPENDIX A
to
JACKSON COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE SNOW PLAN POLICY

as of

October 24, 2023

Under this policy, Primary Roads in Jackson County are defined as:

County Road 12 W

County Road 12 E

County Road 6 E

County Road 42 - Airport

County Road 51a - Landfill

County Road 6 W

County Road 27

County Road 28

County Road 18