

Winter Access Plan

November, 2011

This Amended **Winter Access Plan** for Hoback Ranches roads system is adopted for the declared purpose and intent of providing for and maintaining the roads under winter conditions for safety of the residents and the general public. The Amended Winter Access Plan shall supersede all previous versions.

General Rules:

- A. A variety of factors, including those identified in the Winter Access Matrix, shall be used as a means of assessing the overall safe conditions of the roads. These criteria include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:
1. The amount of snow accumulation
 2. Storms, wind, and weather conditions
 3. Driving Hazards
 4. Maintenance of the roads
 5. Safety of the residents and the general public
 6. Protection of the Roadways from damage
 7. Management and communication of the Winter Committee
 8. Feasibility and/or cost of snow removal and maintenance

The Winter Committee shall evaluate these conditions regularly in order to provide for safe access. In the event that access cannot be provided due to weather or other factors, the Winter Committee shall post and close the road systems to all vehicular traffic until such time as access can be restored.

- B. Snow removal and maintenance operations shall take place as conditions demand and weather permits. Roads may not be maintained at all times due to weather conditions.
- C. Roads shall be plowed and maintained full width allowing oncoming traffic to pass in both directions. Warning signs shall be posted in advance of narrow width areas, warning oncoming traffic.
- D. Snow berms along the road will be kept at reasonable heights and kept to a minimum at driveways and intersections to provide reasonable access by over-the-snow vehicles.
- E. Adequate turnaround areas shall be provided at the terminal end of all Primary or Secondary Roads. Where plowing or snow removal terminates at a driveway, it shall be extended a safe distance beyond the driveway in order to provide a turnaround area, but not to exceed 50 feet.
- F. There shall be no plowing of road gravels during snow removal operations. Any quantity of gravels accidentally displaced during plowing shall be restored to the roadbed following snowmelt that season.
- G. Areas with limited sight distances and/or potential hazards shall be marked at 50 foot intervals or as appropriate, with reflective delineators maintained above the snow levels.
- H. Provide, erect, and maintain reflective signage along the route as may be necessary due to existing or changing conditions.

- I. The posted maximum speed of 20 mph for all types of vehicles remains in effect for all modes of travel over the road system.
- J. For safety, it is recommended all snow machines shall have affixed in the vertical plane, an 8 foot whip pole with an attached triangular flag containing no less than one square foot of a highly visible color in snow conditions.
- K. For safety, it is recommended all types of vehicles (snow cats, snow mobiles, cars, and trucks) using the Ranch's roads in winter shall drive / operate with their lights on at all times.
- L. Safety and Information Signs shall be erected and maintained at the entrance to Primary Roads, advising speed limits, safety rules, and safe driving practices. These rules shall be adhered to by everyone using the roads.
- M. Designated parking areas within the Ranches properties shall be posted and maintained for the use of owners and visitors. The locations shall be posted. At this time the following parking areas are available and maintained:
 - 1. Rim Road and Skyline Drive
 - 2. Rim Road and Elk Drive
- N. The Winter Committee shall be responsible for obtaining permission to use the designated parking areas.
- O. The Primary Roads designated for winter plowing or snow removal under this policy are those that provide access to the designated parking areas:
 - 1. Rim Road from west US191 intersection to Elk Drive.
- P. Secondary roads where winter plowing or snow removal is allowed shall be limited to the following routes:
 - 1. Rim Road from Elk Drive to driveway at 475 Rim
 - 2. Elk Drive to Mountain View Drive
 - 3. Mountain View Drive from Elk Drive to driveway at 107 Mountain View
 - 4. Aspen Drive from Mountain View to Muddy Creek Road
 - 5. Muddy Creek Road from Aspen Drive to driveway at 28 Muddy Creek
 - 6. Skyline Drive from Rim Road to driveway at 97 Skyline Drive
 - 7. Rim Road from east US191 intersection to east Hoback Ranches entrance
 - 8. Fisherman Creek Road from Rim to Eagleheart Ln.
- Q. The Winter Committee shall be responsible for the snow removal and maintenance of Primary Roads and Designated Parking Areas only.
- R. Residents whose driveways takes access from Secondary Roads shall collectively or individually arrange for and pay for the plowing or snow removal of secondary roads.
- S. Secondary Roads shall be held to the same snow removal and plowing standards as Primary Roads under this policy. The Winter Committee shall review the condition of secondary roads as necessary and may close the road and cause plowing or snow removal to cease and desist it is not in done in accordance with standards of this policy.

- T. Permission for temporary parking has been granted by the USFS inside the north fence at the Highway during periods when conditions dictate road closure. No storage of trailers and/or highway vehicles shall be allowed in this temporary lot. The USFS has additionally allowed for a plowed and maintained area for the safe loading /unloading of School Buses.
- U. The expressed intent of all of the above is to provide safe winter access for Ranches owner / residents and their visitors. Commercial traffic of any kind is specifically excluded from any use of these winter maintained roads.

The Winter Committee:

The Winter Committee shall be organized and operate as follows:

- A. The Winter Committee shall be made up of 5 or 7 winter residents.
- B. HRSID Directors that are also winter residents shall automatically be members of the Winter Committee. The remaining members shall be comprised of winter residents appointed by and approved by the current Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting prior to the upcoming winter season.
- C. The committee members shall generally serve terms of 2 years, which shall be staggered such that no more than 4 members are replaced in any given year. Midterm vacancies shall be filled after nomination and approval by the remaining Winter Committee members.
- D. Upon successful appointment of the new members, the Winter Committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall generally serve for the duration of their term.
- E. The members of the Winter Committee shall vote on all substantive issues or changes in policy, which shall be approved or denied by simple majority and documented in the meeting minutes. A majority of members, including at least 1 HRSID Director if on the Winter Committee, shall constitute a quorum.

The Winter Access Committee shall be responsible for:

- A. Meeting - The Winter Access Committee shall meet at regularly scheduled meetings in the Fall and Spring at a minimum.
- B. Updating the Winter Access Policy yearly, or as needed, prior to the upcoming winter season.
- C. Securing and disbursing funds for the purpose of snow removal and winter maintenance on Primary Roads.
- D. Commissioning the snow removal and winter maintenance on Primary Roads.
- E. Initiating and maintaining a “communications tree” for all interested Ranches property and home owners on conditions, plans, and emergencies.

- F. Communicating the plowing, maintenance, and parking plans to winter residents via their “communications tree”.
- G. Development of a parking plan including locations, layout, snow removal, alternating parking, signage, maintenance, and security issues.
- H. Notify as soon as possible a Board member, of any serious incident, within the Ranches winter roads network.
- I. Delivering an update at the Annual Meeting.

2011/2012 Winter Committee

- 1. Richard Thomas, Chairman
- 2. James Ramage, Vice Chair
- 3. Frederick O’Connor, Secretary
- 4. Jim Bond, Treasurer
- 5. Woody Caldwell
- 6. Mike Parker
- 7. Troy Jerup

Hoback Ranches Service and Improvement District Board provisions:

- A. Snow removal or plowing of Hoback Ranches roads shall be limited to specific corridors. The intent and spirit of this Plan shall be to provide winter residents and visitors a safe alternative to parking on the Highway.
- B. Snow removal, plowing and maintenance activities shall be governed by a strict set of rules and standards defined in the Winter Access Policy. Failure to conform to these standards could result in a Board decision to close winter roads until problems are resolved.
- C. All costs associated with winter plowing and maintenance, including costs for signs, delineators, equipment, repairs, and fuels shall not be eligible for HRSID budget funding. Owner operators of plowing equipment shall be fully responsible for individual liability Insurance.

