



ELBERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Elbert County Snow Plow Operations

Kiowa, CO— November 20, 2018— Like it or not, winter is upon us sure to bring snow, ice and white knuckled driving. Elbert County Road & Bridge is prepared to tackle the task of snow removal and ice mitigation. Citizen awareness can greatly aid in the process of snow removal.

Plow Trucks are Emergency Vehicles - Give them room. Remember that plow trucks are emergency vehicles and should be treated as such. Traffic should yield to oncoming snow plow trucks, stay back at least 75 feet from the rear of any plow and NEVER pass a snow plow in operation. Road graders are only dispatched to clear dirt roads when the snow event is winding down. The same rules of snow plow safety should apply to road graders during winter events.

Priority Roads – During a snow and/or ice event all arterial roads will be first priority. These are any roadways that provide a network which must be kept open to provide access to fire and law enforcement. Priority 2 roads include collector streets. These streets provide access to arterial thoroughfares. All other paved roads are Priority 3 roads. These will be the last routes cleared during a storm. Elbert County will be deploying one plow truck equipped with mag-chloride dispensers this winter. Mag-chloride is used to cut ice and will be used at major intersections and hills.

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Snow plow in operation on Kiowa Bennett Road.