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County of Inyo

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Dear Residents of the Communities of Aspendell and Habeggars,

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and patience while our County crews have been preparing for the upcoming winter in your Communities. Work is almost done and now it is time to look forward to the approaching winter months.

There is a lot of planning and preparation that goes into a successful snow removal season, and part of that preparation is providing as much information as possible to our residents. The County has held a few community meetings in the past, and while they were productive, the most effective community outreach seems to be with mailings and public postings, as well as being available to discuss any issues and concerns that may arise.

To recap some valuable information from previous meetings:

- !• The Sheriff's Department would like to remind everyone about the Code Red system and urge everyone to sign up. This is the primary way they get information out when there will be operational delays due to safety concerns. If you have not signed up yet, please do so at the Inyo County Sheriff Department website, www.inyosheriff.org Code Red sign up page.
- !• Sue Burak, Avalanche consultant extraordinaire, has provided an update on avalanche prediction and hazard estimation strategies. There is an incredible amount of work that goes into providing this very important information that is used by the Sheriff and the Road Department for operational decisions for our safety and yours.
- !• Road Department Operational Overview - We recommend checking out the Inyo County 2006 Snow Plow policy, available for review at https://www.inyocounty.us/snow_removal.htm. Here are some of the topics we have discussed that have raised the most questions, or the County has had difficulty with during plowing operations;
 - Defined plowing operations - *A minimum of 3" of Snow on the road and safe conditions for the Operators.*
 - Hours of Service - *There is a limited amount of time the State allows the Operators to work, so you might see a lull, or limited service at times, but we haven't forgotten about you!*
 - Parking on County roads during winter condition plowing operations - *If a car is parked on the shoulder, crews cannot plow there, and there is a high chance of it getting damaged if it is covered with new snow. Please park off the street!*
 - County right-of-ways and encroachments, the room we need to clear snow - *Keep everything on the property side of the snow poles. No rocks, trash cans, signs, wood, etc.....Anything that can become a projectile or that causes damage to the snow removal equipment, slowing or halting removal operations for everyone.*

I will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding these policies. I can be reached by email at ccash@inyocounty.us, or during business hours at (760) 878-0077.

I hope you have a great winter!
Chris Cash, Deputy Public Works Director