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PLAN AHEAD FOR A SAFE, SNOWY WINTER

(Hailey, Idaho) – Snow season has begun with two 12” snowfalls in most areas of Hailey. Snowfalls of this size take an enormous amount of time to clear in order to obtain accessibility to all city streets. With this in mind, the City of Hailey would like to share a few tips that may make the snow more enjoyable for all:

FOR EVERYONE’S SAFETY PLEASE AVOID INTERFERING WITH SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. Please take alternate routes when you see snow removal on the street ahead of you. Passing, tailgating or cutting off this equipment is very hazardous as they are focused on their tasks and may not see you.

DO NOT PARK VEHICLES IN THE CITY’S RIGHT OF WAY OVERNIGHT FROM NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH MAY 1ST.

The city plows at night whenever possible. It is permissible to move your vehicles into the Right of Way during the day to clean your driveway, but make sure to park them well out of the way at night to avoid any damage to vehicles. The city issues warning tags on vehicles and trailers parked within the Right of Way whenever possible. However, a tow truck will be called to remove vehicles that impede snow removal. Owners must pay tow company fees associated with storage and towing.

DO NOT PUSH OR PLOW THE SNOW BACK ONTO THE ROADWAY AFTER THE PLOW HAS GONE BY, AS IT MAY IMPEDE EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS.

City ordinance prohibits plowing snow across or onto any public street, parking area, alley or sidewalk.

WHEN CLEARING YOUR DRIVE, PUT SNOW INTO YOUR YARD OR NEAR THE BANK ON THE DOWNSTREAM SIDE.

Please be considerate of your neighbors; if their driveway is just downstream from yours, push or blow the snow into your yard.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH CONTAINER IN THE RIGHT OF WAY DURING A SNOW EVENT. The plow crews try very hard not to hit trash cans left out while they are plowing, but prefer that the cans not impact snow removal. Please keep your trash cans and all personal items back away from the roadway during a storm.

MAILBOXES MUST BE KEPT AT LEAST 8 FEET FROM THE EDGE OF THE STREET. To avoid damage keep all mailboxes or other landscaping on private property



outside of the Right of Way. The City is not responsible for damage to property left within the Right of Way.

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN BUILD SNOW CAVES OR SNOW FORTS NEAR THE ROADWAY SNOW BANKS. Snow forts can seem like a lot of fun, but they are extremely dangerous when built in the city Right of Way or next to the road. When snow builds up we push the banks back to help with visibility at intersections. We cannot see children playing in these caves and do not want any accidents to occur.

Please call 788-9830 x 22 with questions about snow removal.

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