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RE: Update

WELD COUNTY PLOWS CONTINUE TO WORK ON ROADS



WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Department of Public Works will continue their plowing operations throughout the day, concentrating their resources this morning on southern and south-eastern Weld County.

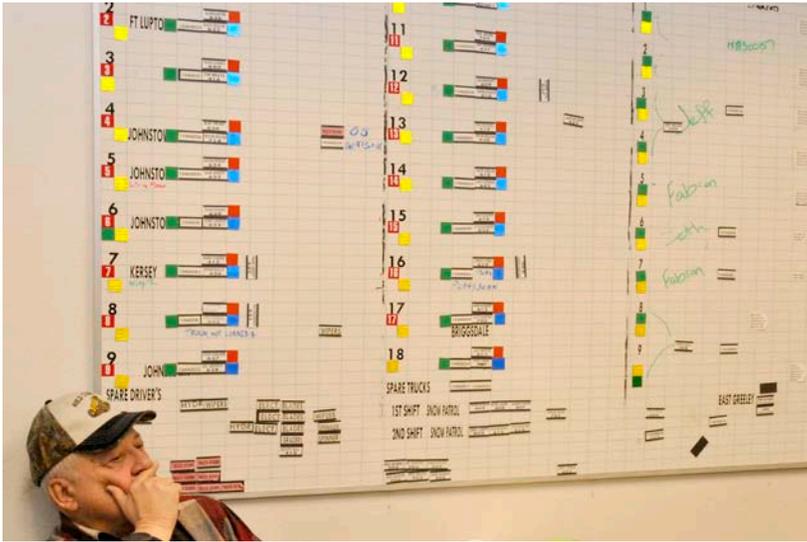
Keeping up with blowing and drifting snow in the southern portion of the county, along the Weld County Road 74 snow line, will be the focus of this morning's road efforts. Roads in the northern part of the county, where snowfall was lighter, have been maintained throughout night and will continue to be monitored throughout the duration of this storm.



The Weld County Department of Public Works' "Snow Desk" opened last night when the first flakes began to fall. The department, however, began preparing for this storm earlier this week – first closely monitoring weather forecasts, then configuring and checking all of the snow removal equipment followed by scheduling shift personnel and conducting safety briefings for shift drivers. Public Works maintains more than 4,300 miles of roads throughout Weld County, approximately 3,500 of those miles are paved. Above, Department of Public Works Director Pat Persichino (left) sends email updates to county government personnel regarding the storm's impacts throughout the county. Josh Holbrook (center) checks in hourly with each of the departments' 18 plow drivers and obtains status reports and weather updates – information which helps the department track and respond to the storm. Steve Detienne (right) checks weather radar images on the laptop – comparing the satellite information with the information received from the snow plow drivers.

Additional images from the Weld County Department of Public Works “Snow Desk”

All photos courtesy of Jennifer Finch, Weld County Information Specialists and Special Projects Manager; high resolution photos available upon request.



Weld County Director of Public Works Pat Persichino sits in front of the assignment board which lists the names of the snow plow drivers assigned to each of Weld County’s 18 road regions.



Weld County Public Works employee Josh Holbrook checks in hourly with plow drivers dispatched throughout the county. The hourly radio contact with each of the drivers allows the Snow Desk team to receive updated information from the field regarding weather and road conditions.



Weld County Public Works employees Josh Holbrook (left) and Steve Detienne (right) use weather radar images and plow-driver reports from the field to track the storm and determine the best way to allocate resources used to maintain Weld County’s 4,300 miles of road.