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OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
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Fact Sheet

Wintertime in the East Mountain Area

- Districts:** There are two separate maintenance districts, North Mountain District and South Mountain District. The dividing line is Old 66 (NM 333) not I-40.
- Resources:** Each district has 5 operators; 2 Truck Drivers and 3 Grader Operators. 10 years ago and earlier, 2 plow trucks and 3 graders would run the snow operations, however now that approximately 100 miles of EM roads have been paved in that timeframe, a large tandem truck/plow is brought up from the valley in winter for the north district, and a 3rd “normal” dump truck/plow is used in the south district, and both districts only use 2 graders in storms. Another 4-man county-wide district, Special Projects, provides transportation of salt and sand mix, plus back up drivers.
- Salt and sand is ordered in advance, and there is approximately 1 and ½ severe storm’s worth of material stockpiled, at any given time. If storms hit repeatedly, then large orders of rock salt from Carlsbad are transported in bad weather, as possible, to restock.
- Routes:** Each driver learns a specific route during summer and fall. North Mountain district rotates drivers through different routes, SM district does not, and uses the Supervisor as a back up, plus drivers that have worked mountain routes are reassigned from valley districts as needed, in addition to the Special Projects staff.
- Procedures:** Normal-
During business hours, the regular main number 848-1503 is the most direct access to the maintenance district supervisors. Calls for service are logged and transmitted every few hours to the supervisors for their awareness, and adjustments to vehicle dispatching can be made if areas are delayed more than normal due to equipment servicing, driver reassignments etc. Also the 1503 extension has a recording that provides the after hours Communications phone number for non-emergency hazard and safety calls.
- Emergency-
For 911 emergency calls, Road Maintenance Section recommends you inform the 911 operator if road conditions are poor, for example because plows have not made a pass, OR if plows made a pass early, and conditions have deteriorated again. Normally, major diversions from established routes will not be made *except* in the case of a 911 call, and in those cases the earliest alert will enable Road Maintenance to assist. 911 has a complete listing of all maintenance district supervisors in their on-call book.