



NEWS ADVISORY

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For immediate release

City Storm Response Sunday Update

The City of Missoula's snowplow crews worked through the night Saturday at full staff using all equipment clearing residential streets. Street Superintendent Brian Hensel augmented City equipment with two hired graders. Crews expect to complete all residential streets Sunday afternoon.

Missoula Police Department officers continue to monitor top-priority, major streets and notify plow crews of areas that need attention. The public can report streets that plows may have missed by calling 552-6360, which is being monitored by City staff through business hours on Sunday. Citizens should call 911 in emergencies.

More news:

- Steep slopes on the lower flanks of Mount Jumbo and Mount Sentinel make them very avalanche-prone in conditions like we have experienced in the last few days. To protect public safety, the Mayor has decreed that all of Mount Jumbo and all City-owned lands on Mount Sentinel are closed to all public recreation until conditions improve. As always, Mount Jumbo has been closed since Dec. 1 to protect wintering elk. Anyone who sees people violating this closure should call 911 immediately. Avalanche experts are evaluating the continuing danger Sunday afternoon.
- The Missoula Police Department would like to hear from anyone with information about the cause of Friday evening's avalanche on Holly Street. Please call detectives Dean Chrestenson at 552-6075 or Guy Baker at 552-6284 or call Missoula Crime Stoppers at 721-4444.
- Thanks to the public for their patience and resourcefulness.

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