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Dear Arrowhead Owners and Drivers,

I hope you're enjoying the holiday season. I am writing to discuss an important matter concerning the safety of our operations involving heavy equipment. As you know, our community relies heavily on the winter plowing of the Alpine Plateau Road and winter parking lot for access in and out of Arrowhead. Recent close calls have highlighted the need for all drivers to exercise caution and slow down when approaching areas where heavy equipment is being operated.

Operating heavy equipment can be a demanding and potentially hazardous task. These machines often have limited maneuverability, reduced visibility, and require ample space to perform their functions safely. All drivers must keep these factors in mind and adjust their driving behaviors accordingly.

Excessive speeding and unsafe overtaking maneuvers pose significant risks to both the operators of heavy equipment and other drivers on the road. The speed and momentum of a moving vehicle can magnify the consequences of an accident, potentially leading to serious injuries, damage to equipment, and increased downtime in our operations.

To ensure the safety of everyone involved, I kindly request that all drivers adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Please **SLOW DOWN** when approaching heavy equipment and maintain a safe following distance: Give heavy equipment operators ample space. Maintain a safe following distance to allow for adequate braking and response time.
2. Exercise patience and caution: Heavy equipment may move at a slower pace than regular vehicles. Please exercise patience and avoid any aggressive driving behaviors. Overtaking heavy equipment should only be done when it is safe and you receive a signal from the operators of the heavy equipment that it is safe to pass. This is essential for coordinating movements and ensuring overall safety.



By adhering to these guidelines, we can create a safer working environment for both our employees and drivers on the roads. It is in everyone's best interest to promote responsible driving and minimize the risks associated with operating heavy equipment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your cooperation and commitment to safety are greatly appreciated.

Stay safe and drive responsibly.

Sincerely,

Brad Fowler & the Arrowhead Maintenance Crew