

# SIERRA PARK SERVICES COMPANY

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Hello,

Winter has arrived in full force in the Park. Very cold and snowy conditions abound - particularly when it comes to the roads. After four years of poor sledding we're grateful for all the snow, but it creates a need everyone's cooperation.

The snowfall and below freezing conditions have created icy roads. This is normal winter weather for the mountains. Our caretaker has been diligent about plowing and sanding the roads to improve vehicle traction. However, while these measures significantly improve road conditions there is no way to entirely remove all snow and ice from the roads. Some areas are worse than others, especially low-lying and shady spots.

The Sierra Park Services Company is working to keep the roads as safe and accessible as possible. We cannot guarantee the roads will always be completely clear of snow and ice - that is not possible. But our commitment to you is that we will do the best we can to clear the roads of snow and ice. This is as it has been in the Park for more than 50 years.

The following tips are recommended to make your winter experience safer:

1) Pay attention to the road restrictions on the highway. If chains or 4-wheel drive are required on Highway 108 you'll likely need them in the Park as well. Even so, there are times that the highway may not have chain controls in place and yet it would be wise to use chains in the Park. Many of our roads are much more shaded than the highway is, and are steeper in places. Use your good judgment on this.

2) Our roads must be kept open without parked vehicles. Note and heed all the "NO PARKING" signs everywhere along the Park roads. Parked cars on the roadway present various hazards. The snowplow is not always able to successfully maneuver around parked cars. Leaving your car parked on the road puts it at risk of a collision from another car. It may block emergency vehicles from getting to those who need help -- there are times that minutes really do make a difference. Parked vehicles can also prevent other property owners from getting to their property. As subsequent storms pass through, the roadways can become narrower as the snow berms increase in size. If you need a place to park a car, you can park it near the basketball court. PLEASE NOTE - IF A CAR IS PARKED ON THE ROAD, THE LICENSE NUMBER WILL BE OBTAINED AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE NOTIFIED. OWNERS MAY BE CITED AND VEHICLES MAY BE TOWED. This is a serious enough issue that a warning will not be given before contacting the Sheriff's office.

3) Please drive slowly in the park. You will not be able to stop as quickly as you can in warm, dry weather, even in a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Drivers must be aware that many people are out enjoying the snow and this can lead to hazards if everyone is not careful.

4) The roads are not a playground or a toboggan run. Incidents have occurred when children are playing in or near the road on saucers and other toys and inadvertently slide onto the road. Adults have been observed sitting in the road watching their children play. This puts everyone at risk. We have a very nice toboggan run at the south end of the meadow. Please make sure your children and guests play in areas designated for recreation as this will be much safer for everyone. The toboggan run, meadow, and the playground area are all areas designated for playing. Please remember that while many enjoy the Park as a weekend and vacation getaway, there are many who live in the

Park and have to come and go at various times for work and other obligations. Be cautious to ensure that your recreation does not create problems for them. We have to be considerate of each other.

5) Please be aware that the toboggan run is next to a cabin/residence. Their only access to their property is from Jordan Way East. The driveway to that cabin extends from Jordan Way East to their property which is just beyond the toboggan run. We cannot block their driveway. Do not park blocking the path that leads to the toboggan run and do not drive any vehicles on that pathway. Take the time to walk to the toboggan run and enjoy the scenery.

6) Please be respectful to our employees. This is a difficult time of year for those who work for us. Working in below-freezing conditions around the clock to keep our roads open is not an easy task. We have been blessed to have an excellent caretaker who is committed to the well-being of the Park. He enjoys seeing our property owners have a good time and will only intervene if safety issues exist. We have had problems with people being disrespectful, belligerent, and volatile when our employees approach them. This is completely unacceptable. If you are not in agreement with something one of our employees says or does you can notify us and we will look into it. Our employees and our snowplow drivers work long, hard hours on your behalf and deserve your respect and common courtesy. Please give it to them.

If you use property management services or rent your property we ask that you pass this information to anyone who has access to your property.

We want to thank you in advance for working with us regarding the issues mentioned above. Our goal is to have everyone enjoy this wonderful time of the year. Above all we want everyone to remain safe.

Thank you.

Board of Directors.