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Here is one more update on our recent snow. Many of our seasonal residents are anxious to make a trip to Forest Lakes and check on their properties, but before you even consider it, here is an excerpt from a statement by our County Sheriff's Deputy Robert McKeever:

'Myself and Forest Service Law Enforcement were able to get around to 99% of the roads and did not observe any damage to any houses that were obvious, I did notice that a lot of roofs the snow is already sliding off.

The issues we had were people parking in the roadways. Let me explain what this causes. The plows are having to run with a loader in front pushing snow with 2 graders behind trying to plow the snow off the roads. Then they come upon a car parked in the middle of the road with no one around. The plows are now stuck in the spot until Law Enforcement shows up; then you have another emergency vehicle tied up on a single lane road that you cannot turn around without getting stuck. It causes a MESS. This is why you aren't allowed to park on the roads during the winter.

I understand people's frustration with snow being plowed into their driveways after they just cleaned it out. A few' people just expect the plow operators to "lift the blade". It doesn't work that way. If they were to just lift the blade, these roads would basically have speed bumps at every driveway entrance and they may as well park the graders and go home. As frustrating as it is, it comes with living in the mountains. Confronting a grader operator while they are attempting to clear roads is not the proper steps to take, and I guarantee you will not win the argument when law enforcement has to be called. If you have complaints, the proper way to do this is contact Public Works in Flagstaff."

Below are a few pictures that hopefully can give everyone a depth perspective of the amount of snow and how much work it is taking to clear paths. The first picture is how the interior roads look, thanks to days and hours of 3 plows and graders to get them to this point. The 2nd picture is of the Community Center without the driveway plowed out. The 3rd picture is of our cabin after 2 days of work to get it useable. As Robert stated, and I've mentioned in an earlier Eblast, if there is any damage noticed at your property and you are not there, you will be notified. This is why FLOA keeps a Master Database (secured) of every property; so that you can be contacted if needed. (Hint...is your information up to date??)

Here are local full time residents that you can contact to plow out your driveways. If there are others, I'm not aware of them and that's why they are not listed.

John Skeldon, 602-999-2663. Eddie Riddle, 928-535-4435.

If you want to hire someone to clean off your roof, you can contact Bill Morehead, 928-595-1346.

Please keep these numbers handy; I get LOTS of requests for them. You can also find these people listed in the Phone Directory Business Pages. The Business Directory is also uploaded on the new FLOA website: www.floa.club. If you want a Business Directory to upload to your smart phone, contact me and I will send you one that is phone friendly. I can be reached at info@floa.club.

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