

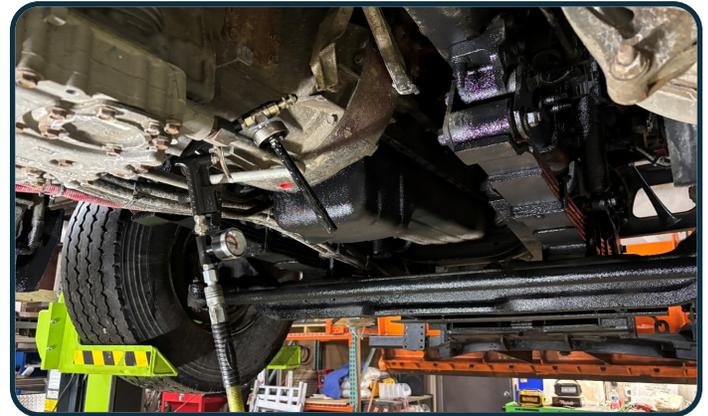


# Clearcreek Road Department

## Monthly Report

January 2026

Road Maintenance crews began the year undercoating all dump trucks to prevent salt corrosion. This process takes approximately 1.5 days per truck. Additional preparations included receiving 750 tons of road salt in January. Crews also grouted and painted the wash bay block wall. In preparation for summer maintenance, crews graded roads for paving and cape seal. This assessment includes grading 880 road sections before their road service life is complete.



During the week of January 19, crews prepared equipment for a predicted long-duration snowstorm. With bitterly cold temperatures, crews broke apart the road salt that had frozen in place. Other preparations included truck inspections, stocking parts for minor repairs, and applying Beet Heat to township roads.

Beginning January 24 and continuing through the 26th, the predicted snowstorm arrived, accumulating over 12 inches, followed by sub-zero temperatures. During this event, crews ran two trucks in tandem to clear roads quickly. In Winding Creek, the Road Maintenance Department deployed three trucks together to accommodate the wider roadway. The previously applied Beet Heat worked amazingly well in the cold temperatures and helped us use considerably less salt.



The frigid temperatures caused the salt to freeze in the steel truck beds, requiring a backhoe to dig it out before reloading. Crews resolved this issue by using half-loads and continuous movement. Crews usually manage snowstorms using nine trucks; however, the magnitude of this storm required running 11 trucks. The trucks averaged 391 miles plowed per truck over four days, totaling 4,293 miles cleared.

Thank you to Jeff Haws for spending two days breaking apart the frozen salt in the Salt Bin, all the drivers who worked tirelessly through the storm to clear the roads, and to Parks Department staff, Hunter Wiseman and Jack Blanton for stepping up to assist in clearing the roads.

