

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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## **ROAD COMMISSION GRAVEL ROAD SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS**

### ***THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .***

Because the first snow event in Van Buren County took place before the ground had a chance to freeze, the Van Buren County Road Commission did not accomplish its snow plow operations on the gravel roads. To clear the snow off a gravel road that is not yet frozen is a recipe for disaster as the gravel is plowed up with the snow and "pushed" over the shoulders of the road leaving behind a muddy mess.

Road Commission crews intend to remove the top portion of the snow on Tuesday leaving a base of pack snow, but making the roads easier to pass for the motoring public. Once the temperatures remain at, or below freezing consistently, the crews will be able to better address the roadway surfaces without causing damage and making a bad situation worse.

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