IDAPA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Division of Motor Vehicles

39.03.08 – Rules Governing Self-Propelled Snowplows

Who does this rule apply to?
Operators of self-propelled motor vehicles that have been equipped with snow removal equipment and are being used for snow removal on any public highway.

- Self-propelled snowplow operators removing snow on any public highway.

What is the purpose of this rule?
This rule provides for safety requirements specifically for self-propelled motor vehicles that have been equipped with snow removal equipment that will be used for snow removal on a public highway. The rule provides for special permits and requirements such as warning flags, clearance lights or reflectors, headlamps, flashing lights and visibility requirements. The purpose of the rule is to ensure safety to the traveling public and safety to the state's infrastructure.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?
This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Highways and Bridges -
Idaho Transportation Board:
- 40-312, Idaho Code – Powers and Duties — Rules and Regulations

Motor Vehicles -
Vehicle Equipment:
- 49-929, Idaho Code – Lights on Snow Removal Equipment

Weight, Speed and Tire Regulations:
- 49-1004, Idaho Code – Permits for Overweight or Oversize Loads – Special Routes and Annual Permits

Who do I contact for more information on this rule?

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This rule chapter will be reviewed in compliance with Section 67-5292, Idaho Code, and in accordance with the 8-year rule review schedule linked here.

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.
The rule is adopted under authority of Sections 40-312, 49-929, and 49-1004, Idaho Code. (7-1-24)

001. PURPOSE.
This rule is promulgated to state the regulations, safety, and standardizes the lighting systems for overwidth self-propelled snowplows operating under special permit authority. (7-1-24)

002. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF SELF-PROPELLED SNOWPLOWS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

01. No Pilot/Escort Vehicles Required. Self-propelled snowplows utilized to clear roads, streets, and other locations of snow or debris may operate with no escort vehicles required twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, including holidays. (7-1-24)

02. Warning Flags. An eighteen (18") inch by eighteen (18") inch red or fluorescent orange flag will be mounted near the extremities of the blade if it exceeds eight feet six inches (8'6") inches in width. (7-1-24)

03. Clearance Light or Reflector Requirements. When operating during hours of darkness, a clearance light or a clearance reflector that meets the specifications listed in Sections 49-910 and 49-911, Idaho Code, will be mounted near the extremities of the blade if the blade exceeds eight feet six inches (8'6") inches in width. (7-1-24)

04. Headlamps, Turn Signals, and Flashing Lights. Headlamps, turn signals, and flashing lights will be mounted on snow removal equipment at sufficient height to clear all snow removal apparatus. (7-1-24)

05. Visibility Requirements. Flashing identification lights on snow removal equipment will be amber or red colored, and mounted on the cab or truck bed. They will be mounted so as to be visible from the front, amber only in color, and rear, red or amber in color, regardless of vehicle configuration, for example, when the truck bed is raised. Flashing lights will be visible from a distance of not less than one thousand (1,000') feet in normal sunlight, and not less than two thousand five hundred (2,500') feet under average visibility conditions at night. (7-1-24)

06. Lights to Meet Idaho Code Requirements. Tail lamps, stop lamps, and clearance lamps on snow removal equipment will meet standards specified in Idaho Code. (7-1-24)

101. – 999. (RESERVED)