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

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. This rule is titled IDAPA 39.03.08, “Rules Governing Self-Propelled Snowplows,” IDAPA 39, Title 03, Chapter 08.

02. Scope. Self-propelled snowplows cannot comply with the safety requirements as other oversize loads due to the nature of their operation. Therefore, this rule is promulgated to state the regulations, safety, and standardizes the lighting systems for overwidth self-propelled snowplows operating under special permit authority. These specifications and standards supersede Administrative Policy A-05-26 (dated 6-23-82) and Board Policy B-05-26 (dated 6-16-82). The self-propelled snowplows will be permitted at the rates listed in Rule 39.03.03, “Rules Governing Special Permit – General Conditions and Requirements,” for oversize loads.

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS. There are no written interpretations for this chapter.

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS. Administrative appeals under this chapter will be governed by the rules of administrative procedure of the attorney general, IDAPA 04.11.01, “Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General.”

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE. There are no documents incorporated by reference in this chapter.

005. OFFICE – OFFICE HOURS – MAILING AND STREET ADDRESS – PHONE NUMBERS.

01. Street and Mailing Address. The Idaho Transportation Department maintains a central office in Boise at 3311 W. State Street with a mailing address of PO Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707-1129.

02. Office Hours. Daily office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays.

03. Telephone and FAX Numbers. The central office may be contacted during office hours by phone at 208-334-8420, 1-800-622-7133, or by fax at 208-334-8419.

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE. All records associated with this chapter are subject to and in compliance with the Idaho Public Records Act, as set forth in Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code.

007. – 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS. In addition to the definitions set forth in IDAPA 39.03.01, “Rules Governing Definitions Regarding Special Permits,” the following terms are used in this rule.

01. Snow Removal Equipment. Any private or publicly-owned vehicle classified as a motorized vehicle as defined in Section 49-123, Idaho Code, that has been equipped with snow removal equipment and is being used for snow removal on any public highway.
100. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF SELF-PROPELLED SNOWPLOWS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

01. **General Conditions.** Refer to IDAPA 39.03.03, “Rules for Governing Special Permits – General Conditions and Requirements,” for conditions required for the issuance of special permits. (7-1-19)

02. **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. (7-1-19)

03. **Warning Flags.** An eighteen (18”) inch by eighteen (18”) inch red or fluorescent orange flag shall be mounted near the extremities of the blade if it exceeds eight feet six inches (8’6”) inches in width. (7-1-19)

04. **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, shall be mounted near the extremities of the blade if the blade exceeds eight feet six inches (8’6”) inches in width. (7-1-19)

05. **Headlamps, Turn Signals, and Flashing Lights.** Headlamps, turn signals, and flashing lights shall be mounted on snow removal equipment at sufficient height to clear all snow removal apparatus. (7-1-19)

06. **Visibility Requirements.** Flashing identification lights on snow removal equipment must be amber or red colored, and mounted on the cab or truck bed. They shall 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 shall 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. (7-1-19)

07. **Lights to Meet Idaho Code Requirements.** Tail lamps, stop lamps, and clearance lamps on snow removal equipment must meet standards specified in Idaho Code. (7-1-19)

101. – 999. (RESERVED)
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