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NATURE OF STORY: **LANE COUNTY AREA UPDATE**

DETAILS: This is a collaborative message from agencies throughout Lane County.

Based on reports from around the County, crews continue to work on clearing roadways and restoring power as a result of the recent storm system and in anticipation of more adverse weather.

The public is urged to please stay away from downed power lines and report any downed lines to your local utility.

Also, please do not park on major roadways. During snow and ice storms, top priorities are the most heavily traveled routes, typically bus routes and roads that carry traffic between neighborhoods, provide access to commercial areas such as stores, gas stations and other businesses and, routes to emergency and medical facilities. Road crews concentrate on these major routes first. Please do not park on these types of roadways so that you don't block snow plows and other road clearing equipment. Once these roads are passable, crews begin working on roads with lower traffic volumes.

Please drive only if absolutely necessary. Be cautious of ice on roadways.

For questions, please contact the appropriate agency in your local area.

The media is asked to periodically broadcast these reminders over the next 48 hours while storm recovery efforts are underway.

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