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ACADEMY ROAD CLOSURE – BINFORD STREET TO PECKHAM ROAD

(Greenleaf, Idaho) Academy Road in Greenleaf, Idaho is scheduled for closure to through traffic between Binford Street and Peckham Road. The city anticipates implementing this road closure on or before the first week in March 2019. The road closure is being undertaken for the following three reasons:

First, when stopped at the north-bound stop sign on Academy Road at the intersection of Academy and Peckham Road, traffic at the bottom of the Wilder Bench to the east traveling west-bound up what is known locally as “Billygoat Hill” cannot be seen.

Second, with significant improvements tentatively scheduled for Peckham Road through the City of Greenleaf in the summer of 2020, the city anticipates increased motorist speeding and therefore increased likelihood of future serious accidents at the intersection of Academy and Peckham Roads if action is not taken.

Lastly, the dip in Academy Road for the railroad crossing between Binford Street and Peckham Road is both: 1) Steep enough on both sides from the railroad crossing on Academy Road that trucks are in danger of high-centering over the railroad tracks; and 2) Difficult for the city to adequately maintain with snow removal and sanding in winter weather.

City Clerk Lee C. Belt commented that, “The city is closing this problem section of Academy Road before Peckham Road is improved as the only affordable option available to the city to mitigate potential fatalities from occurring in the future.”

Academy Road will be closed to all traffic at Peckham Road, but properties will continue to have access south on Academy Road toward Binford Street. The city will not perform winter maintenance in the future on the closed section of road.

The City of Greenleaf is located in Canyon County, Idaho on State Highway 19, five miles west of I-84 at Caldwell, Idaho, and 5 miles east of US-95 at Wilder, Idaho.

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