

Town of Peru
Massachusetts



Town of Peru, 3 East Main Road, Peru, Massachusetts 01235

Plowing private right of ways (Private Rds.)

November 10, 2025

The Board of Selectmen and Highway Department have been working together discussing the plowing of Private Roads. This is a follow up from the previous letters dated August 10, 2020, and October 24, 2022.

It has been decided that the Highway Department will not plow roads that are in unsatisfactory condition for the town owned equipment. Unsatisfactory conditions are as follows: Overgrown brush within 10 feet of the road and 15 feet above the road, unlevel road surfaces with large potholes, washouts, rocks or ledge protruding through the surface, exposed drainage pipes, exposed drain structures, etc.. The roads must be a flat level surface above or equal to the shoulder.

The following must be repaired prior to plowing:

- **Cornell Lane:** All brush and tree limbs must be cleared back 10 feet and 15 feet above the road. The road surface must be brought up to a level grade, even or above the shoulder. All rocks, ledge, drainage pipes, potholes and washouts must be covered with gravel. All dead trees, limbs and stumps must be removed from the shoulders of the road.
- **Garnet Mountain Lane:** All brush and tree limbs must be cleared back 10 feet and 15 feet above the road. The road surface must be brought up to a level grade, even or above the shoulder. All rocks, ledge, drainage pipes, potholes and washouts must be covered with gravel. All dead trees, limbs and stumps must be removed from the shoulders of the road.

Cornell Ln and Garnett Mountain Ln are plowed from the intersection of South Rd and Cornell all the way through to the intersection of Garnett Mountain Ln and South Rd. The plow truck will not plow one and not the other as the road is not safe for a plow truck to turn around in the middle of either road.

- **Greylock Circle:** All brush and tree limbs must be cleared back 10 feet and 15 feet above the road. The road surface must be brought up to a level grade, even or above the shoulder. All rocks, ledge, drainage pipes, and potholes must be covered with gravel. All dead trees, limbs and stumps must be removed from the shoulders of the road.
- **Hill Rd and Hillside Rd** All brush and tree limbs must be cleared back 10 feet and 15 feet above the road. The road surface must be brought up to a level grade, even or above the shoulder. All rocks, ledge, drainage pipes, and potholes must be covered with gravel. All dead trees, limbs and stumps must be removed from the shoulders of the road.

The current condition of Pine Rd in Hinsdale prevents the Peru plow trucks from accessing Hill Rd and Hillside Rd. Pine Rd is severely washed out exposing a cast iron manhole frame and cover. Peru trucks will not plow Pine rd in its current condition. Peru plow trucks will not drive through an unplowed road to access Hill Rd and Hillside Rd.

All Private Rds: Along with the conditions outlined in the letter, the roads must be maintained throughout the winter months. During heavy snow and ice events tree branches must be removed so that the plow trucks can safely travel through the roads. The travel surface must be maintained throughout the winter and clear of muddy or frozen ruts and potholes.

Currently none of the private roads are in satisfactory condition for Peru plow trucks to plow them. Conditions must be repaired prior to the need to plow.

Any comments, questions, or concerns please contact the Town of Peru Highway Department or the Town of Peru Selectboard.

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