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Snow blankets Canyon City on Jan. 7, the area receiving about 5 inches of snow for the day.

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County Search and Rescue responded to remove them from the river, according to a press release from Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer.

Drossel was issued a citation for driving uninsured and has a court date set for early February.

The Long Creek Fire Department, Long Creek Ambulance, Oregon State Police and Grant County Road Department also helped remove Drossel from the river.

Grant County Roadmaster Hickerson said they have closed County Road 20 to

through traffic, but it is still open to local traffic. Motorists trying to navigate I-84 closures would follow their GPS units to the road and be unable to navigate it, Hickerson said.

“They go down it and they are not ready for what they come across,” he said. “It’s not plowed 24/7, so there’s winter conditions that they are not used to.”

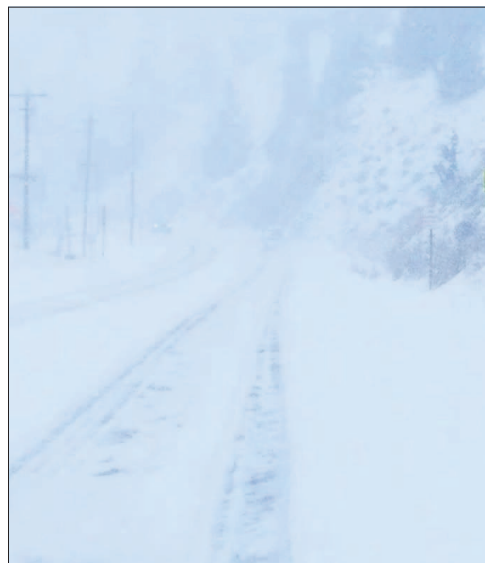
The road department has been pulling long shifts throughout the week to try to keep the roads safe using snowplows, motor graders and, soon, a snow-blower to remove drifts, according to Hickerson.

If possible, he recommends avoiding County Roads 15,

18, 19, 62 and the Old Bates Highway due to drifting snow.

As of Sunday, Oregon State Police had responded to more than 750 traffic incidents statewide in 36 hours, according to a press release. These included 91 road hazards, 266 disabled vehicles and 394 reported crashes, and most were weather related. None were fatal, but OSP urges motorists to drive safely.

OSP recommends traveling only when necessary, checking the road conditions, driving according to road conditions, carrying food, water and blankets in case of having to stay in your car, avoid using cellphones or other devices while driving, being rested before setting out and wearing a seatbelt.



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Blustery winter weather came through the area on Saturday. Pictured is Canyon City Boulevard (facing north), from Canyon City to John Day near Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.



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A snow-covered wooden footbridge in Canyon City crosses Canyon Creek.

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George Drossel, 57, Nampa, Idaho, rolled his Jeep Wagoneer off of County Road 20 into the Middle Fork of the John Day River Sunday morning. The vehicle came to rest upright on a submerged rock.

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to convince a judge or jury. Of the restitution, \$10,000 will go to Woodell and \$5,000 to Towers.

Five other counts, including felon in possession of a firearm, were dismissed as part of the deal. DeRosier had been convicted of perjury and ordered not to possess a firearm.

“The case has a number of difficult circumstances, the first being that he is in his own home with two other people, and the defense has raised a self-defense issue, which is plausible based on the facts that we know,” District Attorney Jim Carpenter said. “The other is that he has a limited

criminal history; he has two DUI cases and a previous perjury and so that was taken into consideration. The other thing is this is an opportunity for Mr. DeRosier to get his life back. ... It just seemed based on all the circumstances to be the right resolution in this case.”

DeRosier apologized for his actions in a statement he read in court.

“Your honor, I strongly regret what happened, and I’m very sorry for the damage that I caused,” DeRosier said. “I was not making good choices in my life, and those choices have cost me a lot. I am committed to trying to get my family back and finding a career. My apologies to the community and the victims in this case.”

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