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In response to challenges posed by the record setting snowfall we have had and the additional snow, rain, freezing rain and/or flooding forecast in the coming days, the City of Caldwell has declared a state of emergency to facilitate the work necessary to minimize injury and damage to persons and property in the City.

On Sunday, January 8, 2017 the Caldwell City Council passed a resolution authorizing the emergency expenditure of funds to clear streets and storm drainage facilities and improve the mobility and access of police, fire department and EMT first responders.

The on-going work of City crews was supplemented by private contractors beginning Sunday night and substantial progress has already been made. The emergency will remain in effect until January 19, 2017 unless further action is taken by the City Council.