Snow tire authorization for State-Owned Vehicles

Per Utah Administrative Code R920-6 Traction Device/Tire Chain Requirements, snow tires or chains will be required for 2 wheel drive vehicles to drive in specific areas OR on designated roads and when UDOT or law enforcement agencies determine that road conditions require these devices. Though Fleet Operations will still restrict utilizing chains, we will accommodate the installation of three peak mountain snowflake tires as necessary, but only on a limited number of 2 wheel drive vehicles. If your agency has 4X4 or AWD vehicles, we ask that you utilize these vehicles to travel in adverse weather conditions – particularly on the designated restricted roads - instead of having snow tires installed on all of your 2 wheel drive fleet vehicles. We also recommend that you consider renting a 4X4 or AWD if you must operate vehicles on those roads during extreme weather conditions. If your agency determines that it needs to have the special snow tires installed on any of its 2 wheel drive vehicles, Fleet Operations requires that the attached authorization form be completed and submitted in order to receive authorization for the installation of the three peak mountain snowflake tires. Each vehicle that you determine will need to have the special snow tires, will require a separate authorization form.

Agencies that utilize the three peak mountain snowflake tires will not be approved to have them installed before November 1st and will be required to have them removed from the vehicle by May 15th of each year. If the tires being removed from the vehicle have more than 3/32” of tread, the agency will be required to store the take-off tires (snow tires or regular tires) until they can be used in the appropriate season. Agencies that fail to comply with this policy may be billed back the cost of the three peak mountain snow tires if they are utilized during the summer months. If the agency does not have adequate storage space to keep the off-season tires, it will be required that the agency make arrangements to have the vendor store the tires. If you choose this option, please ask the vendor for documentation of the tires that were taken off. There may be a storage fee associated with this that the agency will have to pay.

Please see the attached map to see if you will be traveling through areas that will require an upgrade to your vehicle tires. Light duty 2 wheel drive vehicles traveling through the areas highlighted in BLUE will be the only vehicles considered to be eligible for the three peak mountain snowflake tires. If it has been determined that you will be traveling through the areas indicated on the map regularly, please fill out this form and send it to: fleetvsc@utah.gov

All Wheel Drive or 4X4 vehicles will only require M/S or M+S tires which by definition are all-season tires that have been approved for use in both muddy and snowy conditions by the Rubber Manufacturer's Association. As long as your 4X4 or AWD vehicle has the approved tires, they are good to drive in adverse weather conditions. If your vehicle GVW is over 12,000 and falls under the Class I segments or areas highlighted in RED on the map, the same policy outlined above will apply.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Dan Black, Fleet Manager at (801) 856-5761.
Snow Tire Authorization Form

Department Name: ____________________________________________________________

Vehicle FO Number: __________________________________________________________

Department/ Division Fleet Contact: ____________________________________________

Designated Restricted Road Areas and Weather Conditions Where Vehicle will Be Operated:
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Name and Title of Supervisor, Manager or Director: ________________________________

Phone of Supervisor, Manager or Director: ______________________________________

Authorizer’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___ / ___ / _______

Please email completed form to fleetvsc@utah.gov