

El Shaddai Road Background

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The roads in El Shaddai are private roads and maintained by the association. Most of the roads are gravel mountain roads and therefore to keep them in shape they should be driven on differently than paved roads.

You need to maintain a steady slow speed when going up a curve; put your car in low or 4 wheel drive; speeding up only digs into the road and causes bumps in the road and spins your tires. Remember the speed limit is 10 MPH.

The roads that have homes on them are kept up regularly the other roads have a base on them but won't be re-graveled until a home is built. They are drivable; however with no homes on them there will be no drive way to use to turn around, so in most cases you will need to back out.

Since the roads are private roads the state does not snow plow or spread salt. Therefore if you are coming up to the mountains in winter months (remember in the mountains we can get snow in April) you need 4 wheel drive, chains or both. Depending on the snow and ice you may not be able to get down from the mountain for a few days so be sure you have extra food. Once it quits snowing the paved road is lightly plowed by the homeowners and salt is put on the paved road. Salt is never put on the gravel roads as it causes a melt that quickly freezes to ice and makes the roads very mushy.

In emergencies EMS has a 4 wheel drive vehicle that they use, if the vehicle can not get up the mountain the volunteer fire department will get up to get a patient out even if it is by foot. Keep this in mind when coming in the winter and you have existing medical problems.