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The Washington National Guard Ramps Up The Battle Against Spokane Snow

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Camp Murray, Wash. – In response to record snow fall in the Spokane area, the Washington National Guard plans to mobilize up to 200 citizen soldiers and airmen over the course of the next few days.

Their mission will focus on alleviating the weight of snow accumulation from roofs of area schools, and by doing so protect against future accumulation. The unprecedented snow accumulation has necessitated this unique measure in order to ensure the safety of school structures.

The additional provision of personnel and resources stems from an emergency proclamation issued by Governor Gregoire. The proclamation authorizes The Adjutant General to use the Washington National Guard to aid state and local jurisdictions in their response efforts to recent winter storms. Since December 30th, shifts of airmen from The Washington Air National Guard have been operating snow removal vehicles in order to clear roads in the Spokane community.

The citizen soldiers and airmen of The Washington National Guard are dedicated to the mission of safeguarding lives and property in Washington State, and serving as sentinels for freedom overseas. Our citizen soldiers and airmen come from every community, profession and background from around the State - we are Neighbors Helping Neighbors Through a Tradition of Service.

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