13-2906. Obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare; classification.

A. A person commits obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare if, having no legal privilege to do so, such person, alone or with other persons, recklessly interferes with the passage of any highway or public thoroughfare by creating an unreasonable inconvenience or hazard.

B. Obstructing a highway or other public thoroughfare is a class 3 misdemeanor.

28-7056. Dumping trash on highways or airports; classification.

A. A person who dumps, deposits, places, throws or leaves refuse, rubbish, debris, filthy or odoriferous objects, substances or other trash on a state or county highway, road, public thoroughfare, public airport, the right-of-way to a state or county highway, road, public thoroughfare or public airport or within twenty yards of a state or county highway, road, public thoroughfare or public airport is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.



Example of trash, debris and dirt not removed after agricultural activities.

B. If a class 3 misdemeanor is committed as provided in subsection A from a motor vehicle or aircraft, the driver of the vehicle or pilot of the aircraft is presumed to be the offender.

D. The highway patrol, the sheriff's office of each county and the peace officers of each city or town shall enforce this section.



Example of unsafe use of roadways and a need for clean-up from agricultural activities.

For questions regarding County roadways or roadway restrictions, please contact:

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Each year, Yuma County spends thousands of dollars maintaining roadways for a safer motivating public. Unfortunately, the number of accidents involving motor vehicles and agriculture equipment has increased in Yuma County. This pamphlet is provided as a safety guide to help promote a safer community.

28-7053. Misuse of public highway or airport; violation; classification; injuction; definition.

A. A person who commits to be committed any of the following acts is guilty of a petty offense:

1. Places or maintains an encroachment or obstruction on, makes any use of or otherwise occupies a public highway or airport of this state or any of its political subdivisions for any purpose other than for authorized public travel, communication, transportation or transmission, except as otherwise provided in this section.

2. Places or maintains an encroachment or obstruction on, uses, occupations, damages or otherwise interferes with a public highway, airport or public bridge, causeway, viaduct, trestle or dam, unless either:

(a) Authorized by the director, if it is a state highway or structure or airport facility.

(b) Authorized by the governing body of the political subdivision in which the act is committed, if it is not a state highway or structure or airport facility.

3. Knowingly molests or destroys any part, projection, structure, appurtenance or accessory of a public highway or airport or destroys or otherwise interferes with a drainage ditch constructed for the protection of a public highway or airport or a dike, ditch, leve or jetty or an embankment appurtenant to a drainage ditch constructed for the protection of a public highway or airport.

4. Knowingly destroys or interferes with a ford, dip, culvert or crossing of a creek, gulch, river or stream by digging away the banks or by damming, deepening or widening a creek, gulch, river or stream to divert waters on the public highway or airport or to cause injury or damage to the public highway or airport by flooding or otherwise.

5. Knowingly places or maintains a vehicle, aircraft or structure parked or placed wholly or partly within a public highway, runway or taxiway specifically for the purpose of selling the vehicle, aircraft or structure or of selling or specifically advertising the sale of, at any location, an article, service or thing.

6. Knowingly stores, services, repairs or otherwise works on a vehicle wholly or partly within a highway other than on a vehicle that is temporarily disabled.

7. Knowingly removes, damages or destroys a tree or shrub standing on a highway right-of-way.

8. Knowingly obstructs or injures a public highway, runway or taxiway by causing or permitting flow or seepage of water under the person's control to escape onto the highway, runway or taxiway.

B. Each day of violation of any provision of subsection A of this section is a separate violation on failure to remove or to diligently prosecute the removal of an encroachment after notice under section 28-7054. Each encroachment shall be treated as a separate violation.



Example of agricultural activities being conducted on or too close to the roadway

C. In addition to the penalties prescribed by this section, an act in violation of this section is a public nuisance and may be abated by an injunction. A person who commits the act is subject to an action for damages by this state brought by the attorney general or the county attorney of the county in which the act is committed on direction of the attorney general.

D. This section does not apply to:

1. Department personnel or agents performing normal construction and maintenance functions.

2. A person who has prior authorization in writing from the director to perform any of the acts referred to in this section.

E. For the purposes of this section, "encroachment" includes a structure or object of any kind or character that is placed in, under or over a portion of the public highway or airport.

13-1602. Criminal damage; classification.

A. A person commits criminal damage by:

1. Recklessly defacing or damaging property of another person.

2. Recklessly tampering with property of another person so as substantially to impair its function or value.

3. Recklessly damaging property of a utility.

B. Criminal damage is punished as follows:

4. Criminal damage is a class 6 felony if the person recklessly damages property of another in an amount of one thousand dollars or more but less than two thousand dollars.



County roads are routinely maintained by Yuma County Public Works. Over watering can cause damage to roads and accidents.