

OUR VIEW: It is time to take a principled stand

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Let's get this said right off:

We are against snow in mid-May in Moscow.

We also are against snow in Pullman mid-June, which we have witnessed.

We don't like it.

It is not the depth or the duration of Monday morning's snowfall that upsets us, it is its dreary existence.

We think the local attitude of acceptance about this has to change.

If the Idaho Legislature can try to nullify a whole federal health care reform package, certainly it can nullify snow in Moscow in mid-May, or June.

It's time for mayors Nancy Chaney and Glenn Johnson to step up and proclaim May a no-snow month. June, too. What are they waiting for?

Certainly, Latah and Whitman counties could organize a multi-county, multi-modal emergency response task force to stop this wanton scourge of our May mornings, although Whitman County might have to pull out when Commissioner Greg Partch realizes it doesn't \$43.75 for gas money to get to the meeting.

And if we were really serious the University of Idaho and Washington State University faculty senates would appoint committees to study the matter.

In Moscow, there are peace groups that have regularly been demonstrating against war for years. We think they would probably have more success - and support - demonstrating against snow in May.

Now, local atheists are probably saying this is just proof of the fallacy of a benevolent god.

And local conservative Christians could be saying that it is proof that God is at least a little peeved at us.

Environmental scientists will try to show how snow in May - and June - is proof of the effects of global warming. While we care about global warming, we really would like a little more of that local warming that showed up here Saturday.

Rain, wind, thunder, hail are all the sort of occasional summer weather one must expect once the bachelor's and master's degrees have been handed out, and you can find a parking place downtown again.

But we stand firmly against snow in mid-May - or June.