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Comments: There is a need for a small parking area on River Rd/Furnace Brook Rd (FS 57) where the Chittenden snow plow turns around. The Town has posted "No Parking", but with a small amount of work there is enough room to designate a small parking area. The snow plow turnaround on Barnard Rd at the Pittsford/Chittenden line is a back-in pull-out type and takes up little space; one like this at the snow plow turn around on River Rd would leave space for a few cars to park. I don't think there is enough room for trailers so it would have to be limited to vehicles only. There are many enjoyable winter activities in this area that are inaccessible because there is no parking here. The Catamount Trail passes near this spot. Snowshoeing up Bloodroot Gap is fun. Furnace Brook Rd (FS 57) and the Puss and Kill Trail are great places for a winter walk or snowshoe when conditions are right. This spot is a 5.1 mile ski on the Catamount Trail to Mountain Top and a 5.3 mile ski to Brandon Gap, so it is difficult to access now. If you want a low impact low cost way to enhance recreation in this area, adding a small parking area on FS 57 at the snow plow turn around is it.