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Comments: I represent the Wallowa County Gamblers Snowmobile club. Speaking for the club, we are all in favor of the project BUT believe that the timing of the project must be changed. Several things are of severe concern. Safety of winter rec users when the road is being used by large vehicles during recreational periods (too much two-way traffic on an already dangerous and narrow road, trying to pass semis, cars and truck/trailers), dangerous trail conditions (having busy weekend traffic funneled into a narrow road with short visibility) on the lower 023rd, potential damage to our grooming program (it is funded based off of seasonal mileage groomed) of loss of our cat due to the inability to groom the needed mileage for funding each season safely, and also the further destruction of a vital road for the local tourism industry (the 39rd is a vital part of both summer and winter recreation and it is already arguably dangerous in a few places now, it will certainly be worse after winter truck traffic is using it.
We feel that the only way to mitigate this situation is to set a "no work period" of December15th through April 1st.