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Comments: As a local business owner and lifelong recreational user in the Morgan-Nesbit area, I am in favor of the logging project but feel that the determent of winter logging in this area is too much of a negative to the local economy to let it happen without modifying the timing of the project. I feel that we need to keep a winter recreation window open for uninterrupted use. The Logging can be done up until late fall (December 1st) and re-started after the bulk of the winter recreation is done after the first of April.
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 sight distance) on the lower 023rd, potential damage to our grooming program (it is funded based off of seasonal mileage groomed) and potential 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. Finally, the sheer cost alone of trying to keep the road open to safely haul with trucks will make the project unprofitable.