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Comments: I support the construction of this trail extension. The area is already physically disturbed. The proposed extension is very near existing private property and thus the proposed trail should have minimal additional impact on wintering wildlife. There is already an existing well-used social trail parallel to the proposed new trail. That social trail demonstrates user demand for the proposed connector. The existing social trail crosses many private properties. Thus, the existing trail is at risk of closure creating additional conflicts between users and property owners. There is also risk to public lands if uncontrolled social trails are built through public lands to bypass a private land closure. The existing social trail is not and cannot be subject to seasonal closures to protect wildlife. A trail through public land could be subject to such closures benefitting wildlife. The proposed project is a good planned use if our public lands. The positives of this project far outweigh the negatives. I request that you approve and support this project. Thank you.