

Good afternoon Michelle,

I agree with David's points, and I'd like to dive deeper into the challenges we face with snow management. While it's possible, I find it impractical for Blue River to start hauling snow, unless we establish a local dumpsite with a snow cat for efficient stacking (though still expensive, this could potentially cut trucking costs by over half and be the best long term solution).

Considering unconventional solutions, a snow melter is an option. However, they come with considerable expenses and environmental concerns, burning hundreds of gallons of diesel per hour. Moreover, we'd need a designated location for water disposal, requiring permits and additional logistics. For perspective, a large-capacity snow melter is roughly the size of our frack tank used for road stabilization.

Addressing your questions:

1. Is there anywhere snow can be hauled to?

- Currently, I am unaware of any suitable locations in the Breckenridge area. The closest feasible option (that I'm aware of) would be Peak Materials in Silverthorne, approximately a 2-hour round trip from Blue River.

2. Would you have that capacity?

- It's feasible, but we'd need to coordinate with local dump truck operators, considering that many shut down operations during winter due to decreased construction activity. To ensure efficiency, we'd likely need 15-20 trucks given the distance to the dump location.

3. What would be the cost?

- Estimating costs is challenging, but a rough projection for operating 15 trucks, covering dump fees, and employing one loader could be around \$30,000 per day, translating to roughly \$3,000 per hour and If we add more trucks/equipment the costs would go up.

It's crucial to note that hauling presents challenges on plow days or when road conditions are unfavorable, prioritizing the safety of truckers. I can further refine these estimates with more detailed information if needed.

Thanks, hope this helps.

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