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Dear Mr. Mackiewicz:

This letter is in reference to the formalization of the Winter Construction Plan (from here on referred to as the 'Plan') for the Ruby Pipeline construction. My staff has reviewed the Plan and has provided input on it and other issues. My staff did not have concerns regarding the Plan but did have a concern with regard to keeping Hwy 39 open longer than was the historical closure time. The staff was concerned that winter recreation users, particularly snowmobilers would be impacted by the road staying open to truck traffic for a longer period of time. This brought up some safety concerns regarding snowmobiles and trucks using the road at the same time. Historically Hwy 39 is gated closed in early winter and is then groomed for use by snowmobiles.

After visiting with Ruby project personnel we understand that there will be a side portion of Hwy 39 groomed for snowmobile traffic and that this will be a relatively short section. This will provide suitable access to the Forest for snowmobiles. We appreciate the information provided regarding Hwy 39, and the opportunity to review the Plan.

I believe our concern has been addressed and we concur with the Winter Construction Plan. If you have any questions please contact Robbin Redman at 801-625-5112 or redman@fs.fed.us. We look forward to continuing cooperation with you on this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cheryl Probert (for)
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