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Snow Control: Casper, Wyoming

Casper tends to have a large amount of snow each winter. These harsh winters tend to bring large snow storms, causing a multitude of issues. One of the biggest issues is the road closers. The major transportation roads going in and out of Casper tend to get shut down in the winter causing many problems. This is a local problem that needs to be addressed sooner than later.

Casper is located along Interstate 90, which often closes after big snow storms in the winter. Interstate 90 is used to transport many semi trucks across the state of Wyoming. When these roads close they stop traffic from flowing and cause goods to be distributed late. This can cause a large amount of damage economically. Grocery stores can lose money and companies can lose investments because they get a poor reputation because their shipments take longer. The closure of roads has a large negative effect on economics.

During the cold months is when most of the family gathering holidays are. Christmas and Thanksgiving are large holidays where people travel and drive all over the place. Many times people struggle getting to their families on holidays because they are unable to travel on the dangerous roads. The road closing causes many different issues, but one of the biggest is the family members not being able to see each other on holidays.

Some of the factors that contribute to the terrible road closures can be fixed. The snow comes down at a decent speed making it hard for plows to clean it up. The liquid placed on roads does not have time to work because of the wind, which also causes snow to drift onto the road making plowing hard. The fix to this problem would be to get severe double plows, which the state just purchased a few. Also, putting up snow fences would be a great way to stop the snow drift. Attacking the problem head on is something that needs to be done.

Overall, snow is a huge problem in Casper. The people that are in charge have slowly taken steps to ensure safe traveling. In hopes to keep the roads clear, they have started to purchase equipment for the future. This snow season the people of Casper should expect some positive changes on the road conditions.

Interview

Brooke Wright, my real life question is what the county and city budget is, if it addresses homelessness, and if it can improve in this area. I would judge it, because this is where most of the homeless people hang out, ask for money, and oftentimes sleep. I had not considered that there were some acts in place, but they weren't aggressive enough to solve the problem. I feel

like the problem is important, because if it continues to grow, it will be beyond help. If I were to continue my research, I would go into a bigger city like Denver, research their budget, and see what they do to assist the homeless. I would apply this research to changing the county and city budget to decrease homelessness.