**Definition and Purpose**

Snow management involves the location or relocation of snow by transporting, plowing, dozing, and/or blowing snow to locations where erosion and runoff impacts are less likely to occur during the melting process. This BMP can be used in conjunction with snow fences.

**Appropriate Applications**

This BMP is appropriate when construction projects extend through winter months and at locations (such as high mountain areas) where snow accumulation can be significant.

**Limitations**

This BMP may not be appropriate in areas with little snow accumulations and where access is limited.

**Design Parameters**

- Utilize snow blowers, snowplows, or other equipment to remove snow or move snow to less erosion-sensitive areas with proper drainage.
- Modify existing snowplow operations so snow is not piled in erosion-sensitive areas.
- Remove heavy snow accumulations from around temporary structures such as culverts to minimize ice jamming and structure failure during freeze-thaw cycles.
- Place snow in areas where soil/cover is temporary or permanently stabilized and snowmelt will have a less significant impact. Ensure appropriate controls are in place to handle snow-melt runoff.
- For projects with NPDES CGP coverage, account for snow management in the project SWPPP if the project will extend into or through winter months.
Maintenance and Inspection

- Conduct inspections as required by the NPDES permit or contract specifications.
- Remove or move snow as needed to reduce melt impacts.