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POCATELLO AIRPORT READY FOR WINTER WEATHER
New Equipment Will Help Keep Airport Operational

The Pocatello Regional Airport has a new snow blower that will vastly improve staff's ability to quickly remove snow from the airport's runways, taxiways and aircraft parking ramps.

In August, the Airport accepted delivery of an Oshkosh high-speed rotary snow blower and carrier vehicle. A blower takes snow berms that have been plowed over to the pavement edge and disperses the snow evenly out into the fields. It is important to remove berms from the pavement edge or they could damage engines, propellers or wingtips.

The carrier vehicle has four-wheel drive and four-wheel steer capabilities and can accept a 22-foot plow as well as the blower, making it very effective for operating in an airport environment. The new equipment also features state-of-the-art control systems, including a joystick control for the blower or plow. The new unit replaces a 1994 model that will become a back-up.

The blower and carrier cost \$514,392 and were purchased with a Federal Aviation Administration grant under the Airport Improvement Program and with Passenger Facility Charge funds. The unit is required to maintain compliance with certification and safety regulations.

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Media Note: Attached is a photo of the Airport's snow blower.

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