Road Salt Use Survey: Private Contractors

Name: _____ Town: _____

Contact Information: _____

We will be conducting a survey of municipal and private contractors who are responsible for the maintenance of the roads in the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD). Salt has been used for many years to de-ice roads in Vermont and has subsequently had a negative impact on many ecosystem's health. We are most interested in the rate at which salt is applied to Vermont roads and the amount of salt purchased by roads crews. We also want to find out what equipment is being used by the crews as well as any best management plans currently in use. This information will allow us to determine the annual amount of salt applied to roads within the WNRCD as well as outline next steps for the municipalities and private contractors.

1. What company do you work for and in what town(s) do you work?

2. How many square feet of paved surface do you maintain and apply salt to?

3. On average, how much salt per parking lot do you apply?

4. What type of salt products (rock salt, magic salt, etc.) do you apply?

5. Do you utilize any best management practices? If yes, who do you rely on for information regarding salt application?

6. If budgets were not a concern, what best management practices would you implement?

7. Do you think more business could be brought in by having a "green" certification?

8. Would you attend a training on best management practices regarding salt application if it were offered?

9. If an on vehicle system was provided to help monitor application rates and interpret real time data to then reduce product waste were offered, how much would you be willing to pay (actual price $1,200)? Circle one of the amounts below.

   Nothing (want it free) $200 $500 $1,200