

REVERSE ENGINEERING & REDESIGN OF EXISTING UNDERSIZED MALFUNCTION SNOW MELT SYSTEM



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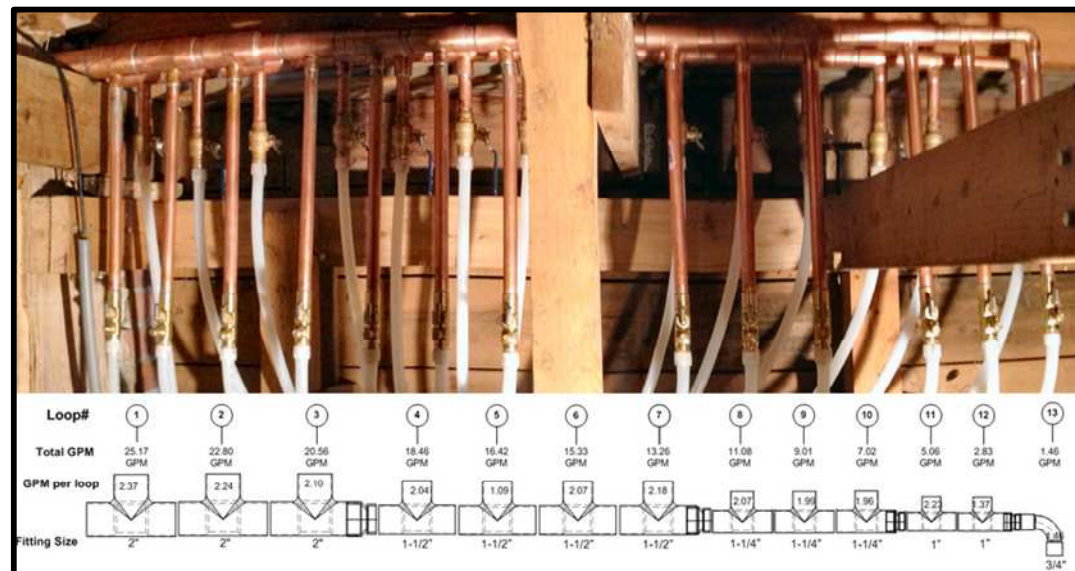


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PROJECT: Analysis of Existing Snow Melt System

OWNER: Roger Kimura

SYSTEM: Snow Melt System

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REVERSE ENGINEERING OF EXISTING SNOW MELT SYSTEM

UPONOR (Wirsbo) Snow and Ice Design Analysis Manual used as source of calculations

Project Name: Roger Kimura Snow Melt System
Existing

SUMMARY 1-1/2" SUPPLY AND RETURN MAINS are UNDERSIZED

24.28 gpm are required to supply the loops. The Mains are rated at 22gpm which are undersized for this application. Source B&G System Syzer Calculator.

	Loop 1	Loop 2	Loop 3	Loop 4	Loop 5	Loop 6	Loop 7	Loop 8	Loop 9	Loop 10	Loop 11	Loop 12	Loop 13
A Design temperature (°F)	5F												
B Wind speed (mph)	10												
C Differential temperature (°F)	25F	Page 65&66 System Performance & Flow Charts											
D Surface temperature (°F)	38F	132 BTU/h/ft is based on the existing boiler size & placement of loops set at a distance of 9"+ center to center											
E BTU/h/ft ²	132												
F Supply fluid temperature (°F)	140F	Manifold exceeds loops per manufacturer of 8 only versus existing 13 loops											
G Tubing o.c. distance	9"+												
H Area to be heated (ft ²)	1900 □	38ft x 50ft											
I Type of tubing	hePex												
J Tubing size	5/8"												
K Active loop length	260'	246'	231'	224'	210'	228'	240'	228'	219'	215'	245'	150'	160'
L Leader loop length	10'												
M Total loop length	270	256	241	234	220	238	250	238	229	225	255	160	170
N Percentage of glycol (%)	40%												
O Flow per foot	0.0085												
P Flow per loop (gpm)	2.21	2.09	1.96	1.90	1.79	1.94	2.04	1.94	1.86	1.83	2.08	1.28	1.36
Q Head pressure drop/ft (ft of hd)	0.08095												
R Head pressure drop/loop (ft of hd)	21.86	20.72	19.51	18.94	17.81	19.27	20.24	19.27	18.54	18.21	20.64	12.95	13.76
S Loop balancing turns													

Manifold Totals	
T Supply fluid temp. (°F)	140F
U Manifold flow (gpm)	24.28
V Highest pressure head (ft)	21.86

- A Select the outdoor design temperature from Appendix C.
- B Select the wind speed in mph from Appendix C.
- C Enter the differential temperature (25°F).
- D Select the desired surface temperature from Appendix C.
- E Enter the BTU/h/ft² based on the climatic conditions and the surface temperature. Refer to Appendix C.
- F Enter the supply fluid temperature from Appendix C based on the climatic conditions and value in row G.

- G Enter the tubing on-center (o.c.) distance.
- H Enter the square footage of area to be heated by this loop.
- I Select the type of tubing to be used.
- J Select the size of tubing to be used.
- K Multiply the value in row H with the appropriate o.c. multiplier (6" = 2.0; 9" = 1.33; 12" = 1.0)
- L Enter the distance from the slab area to the manifold x 2 (supply and return).
- M Add rows K and L together.
- N Enter the percentage of glycol/water solution to be used.
- O Using the information in rows E, G and N, go to Appendix C and select the flow per foot.

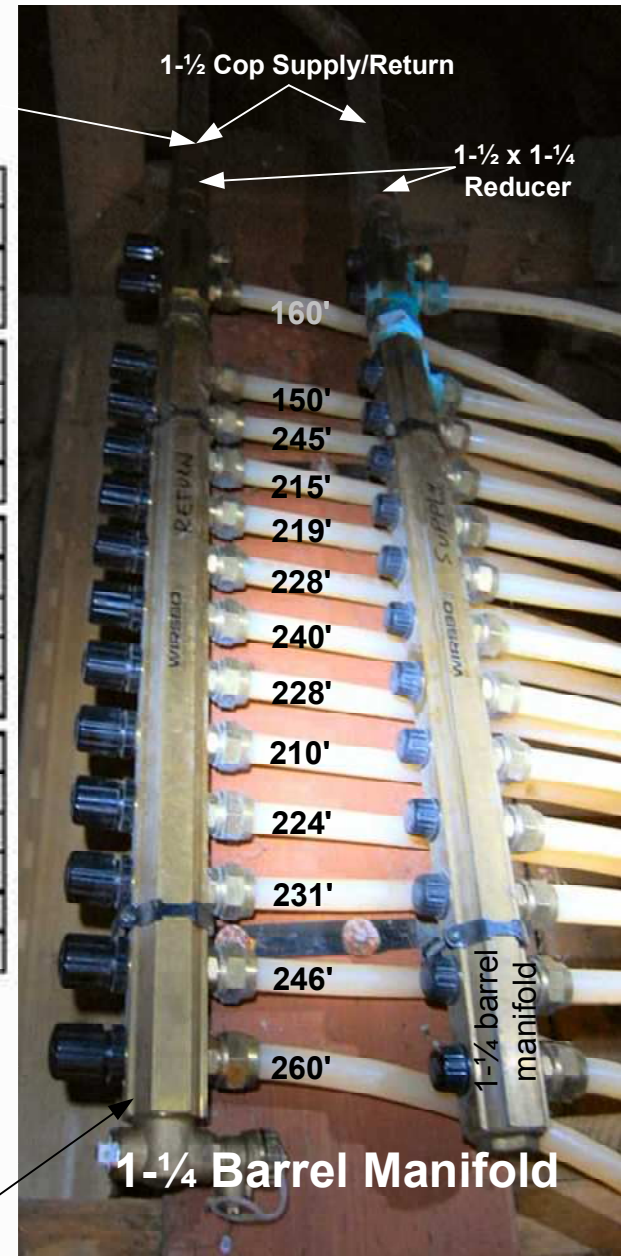
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- Q Use the information in rows F, I, J, N and P with the appropriate Appendix (either D or E) to obtain the head pressure drop per foot.
- R Multiply row M by the value in row Q.
- S These cells are calculated after the design is completed. Use the balancing information for the respective manifold used as shown in Chapter 3.
- T Enter the highest value from row F.
- U Enter the total of all values from row P.
- V Enter the highest value from row R.

Gallons in Loops
1.34 gal per 100'
2865/100=28.56x1.34=
38.27 total gallons

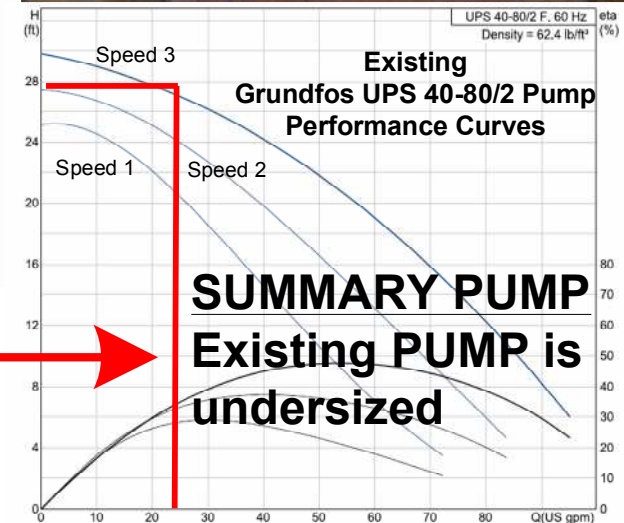
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SUMMARY MANIFOLD UNDERSIZED

Manifold exceeds loops per manufacturer of 8 only versus existing 13 loops



1-1/4 Barrel Manifold



Performance curve chart for existing pump Head: 21.86+5.4= 27.86 - GPM 24.28

- Notes: (1) Item K is using existing active loop length – omit multiplier
(2) Existing system glycol tested to -10 below (40%)
(3) The 5/8" hepPlex loops should have been 3/4"

1-1/2 Cop Supply/Return Mains
Calculating for Head Pressure
90'x50% fittings x 0.04= 5.4 Added Head
Source of Calculation – B&G Pumps

PROJECT: Analysis of Existing Snow Melt System
OWNER: Roger Kimura
SYSTEM: Ultra Boiler Snow Melt System

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Project: Roger Snow Melt System After Photo of Redesign of Manifolds – 50% Glycol

UPONOR (Wirsbo) Snow and Ice Design Analysis Manual used as source of calculations
NEW 2" COPPER MANIFOLD with NEW 2" COPPER SUPPLY/RETURN MAINS TO BOILER

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L Leader loop length +sup/rt 80'	10'												
M Total loop length	270'	256'	241'	234'	220'	238'	250'	238'	229'	225'	255'	160'	170'
N Percentage of glycol (%)	50%												
O Flow per foot	0.0091												
P Flow per loop (gpm)	2.37	2.24	2.10	2.04	1.91	2.07	2.18	2.07	1.99	1.96	2.23	1.37	1.46
Q Head pressure drop/ft (ft of hd)	0.09060												
R Head pressure drop/loop (ft of hd)	24.46	23.19	21.83	21.20	19.93	21.56	19.93	21.56	20.75	20.39	23.10	14.50	15.40
S Loop balancing turns													

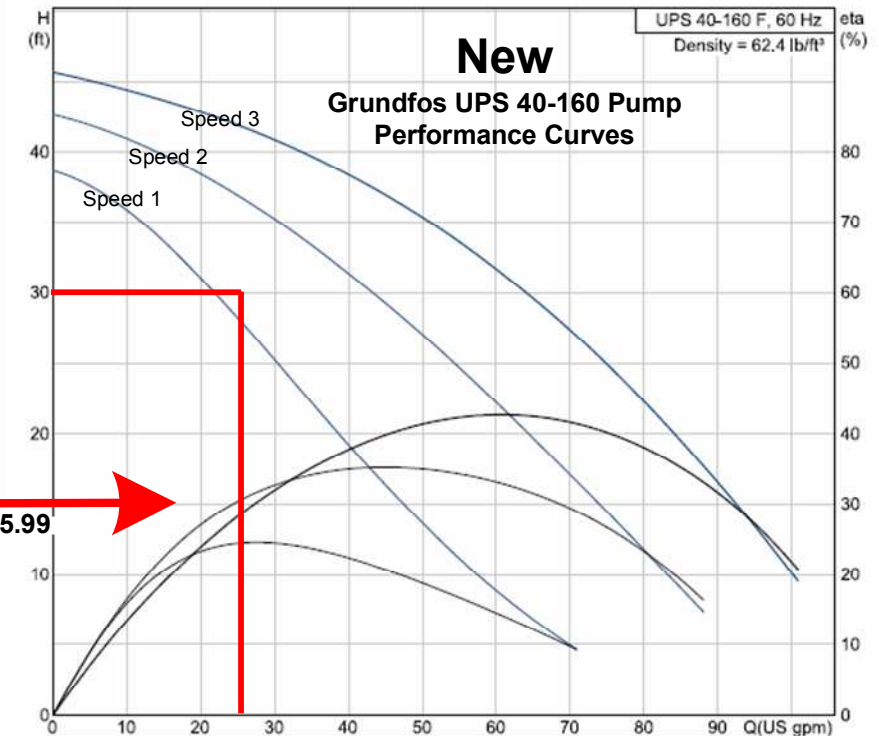
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U Manifold flow (gpm)	25.99
V Highest pressure head (ft)	24.46

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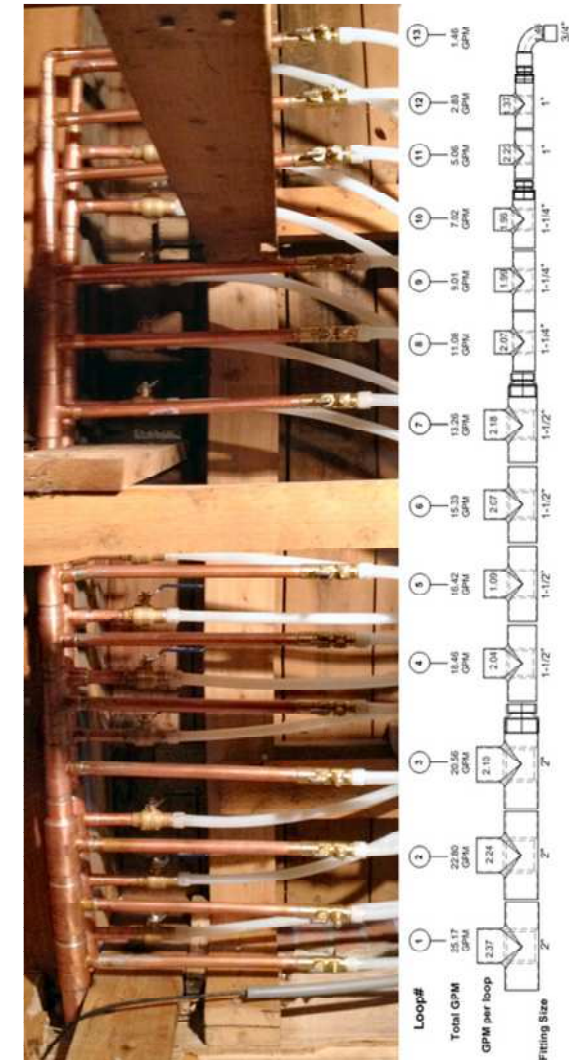
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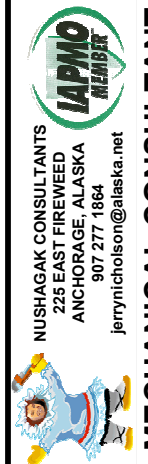
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PROJECT Redesign of Existing Snow Melt System

OWNER Roger Kimura

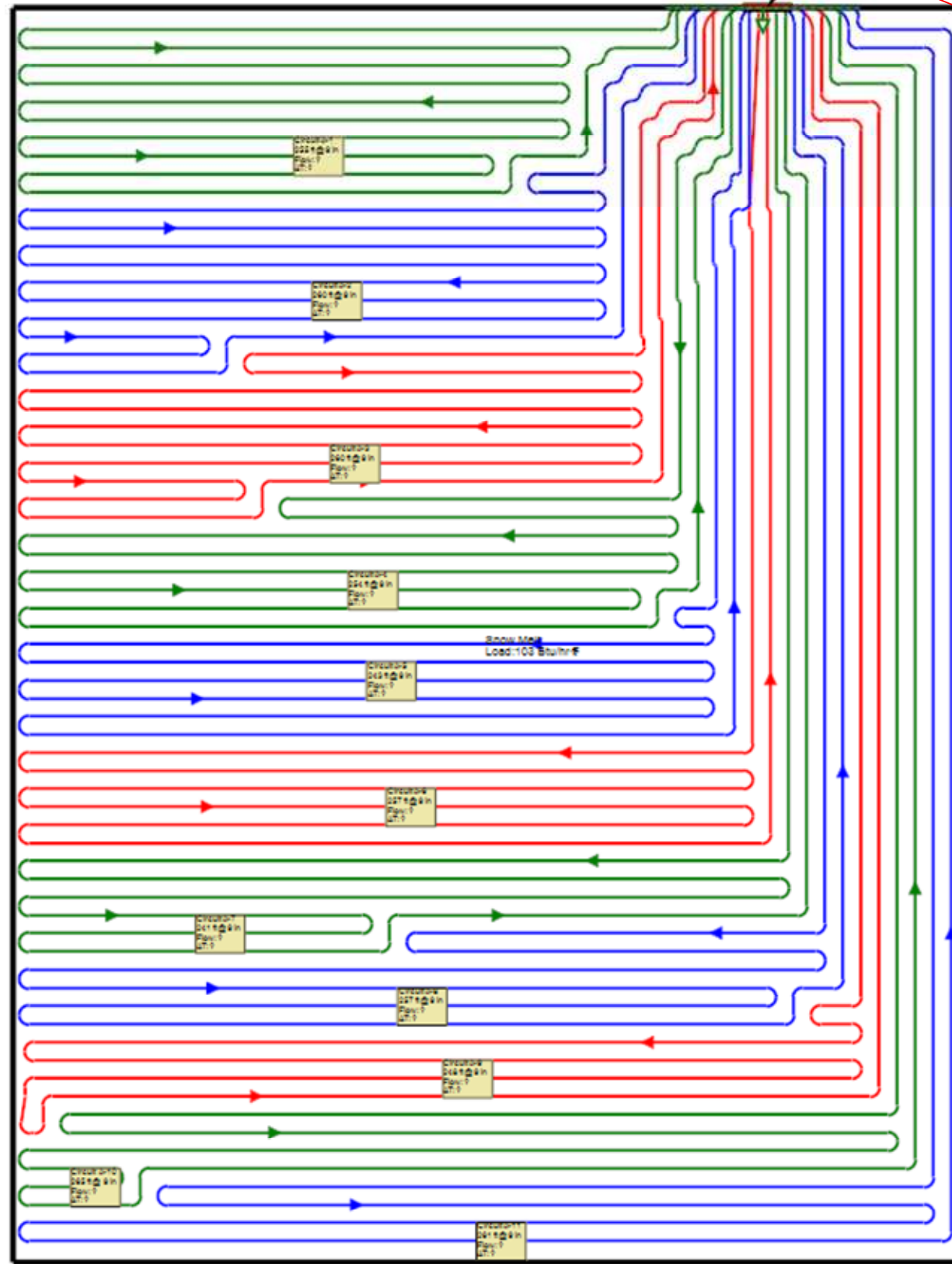
SYSTEM Well McInain Ultra 310 Snow Melt System



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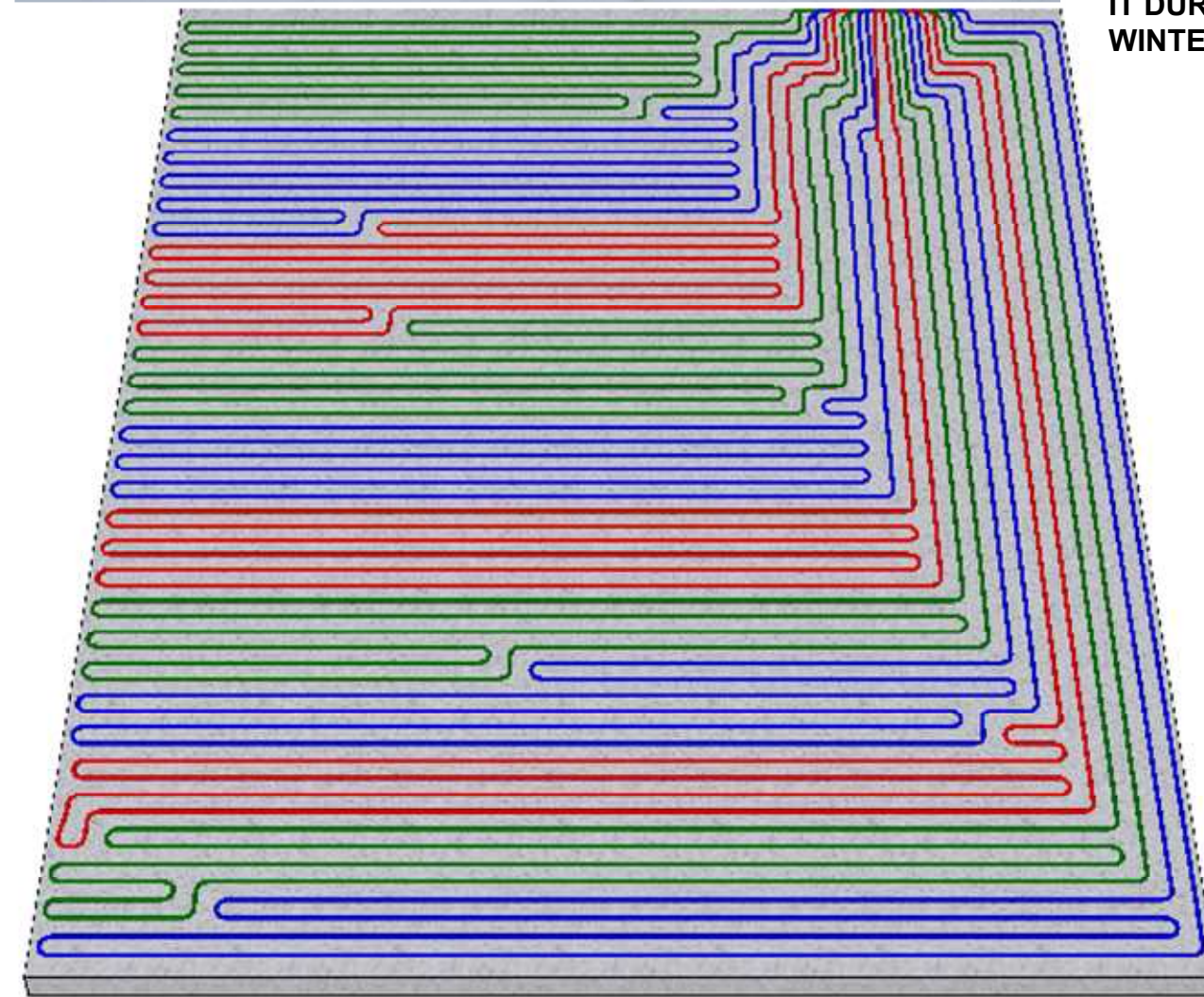
Manifold under Stairwell



2D layout of driveway





NOTE:
 SENSOR WAS
 INSTALLED IN
 WRONG
 LOCATION
 COULD NOT
 BE
 CORRECTED
 WITHOUT
 DEMOLITION
 OF
 CONCRETE.
 THEREFORE
 VEHICLES
 ARE NOT
 PARKED OVER
 IT DURING
 WINTER.



3D layout of loops in concrete

**ESTIMATED LAYOUT OF EXISTING LOOPS
 FROM VISUAL OF WATCHING SNOW MELT**

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I THANK MY BROTHER STEVE FOR THIS TOUR

ZONE 2

Snowmelt System

The snowmelt system shall be controlled in three possible control modes which shall be operator selectable from the DDC control station.

OFF:

The control valves will remain closed.

ON:

The control valve will modulate to maintain a slab temperature of 45 deg F (adjustable). To prevent shocking the slab, the valve will ramp open slowly over a period of 30 minutes by ramping the return temperature set point from 40 deg F to 115 deg F for the first 30 minutes.

AUTO:

Outside air temperature above 36 deg F (adjustable)
The snowmelt system shall be disabled, the control valve will close.



Outside air temperature below 34 deg F (adjustable)
The snowmelt system shall be enabled, and shall be controlled as follows:

Idle Mode:
When no moisture is detected by the slab sensor, the control valve will modulate to maintain a slab temperature of 25 deg F (adjustable).

Snowmelt Mode:
On a call for snowmelt from the slab moisture sensor, the control valve will modulate to maintain a slab temperature of 45 deg F (adjustable). To prevent shocking the slab, the valve will ramp open slowly over a period of 30 minutes by ramping the return temperature set point from 40 deg F to 115 deg F for the first 30 minutes.

Minimum runtime:
Snowmelt system will remain enabled at minimum user adjustable value to ensure complete snowmelting.



PROJECT	Tour of Snow Melt Systems	
OWNER	Alaska Native Medical Center	
SYSTEM	Ultra	Snow Melt System
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