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Shoshone Forest Travel Plans

 I would like to comment on the Shoshone Forest travel plan. As a forest user I would not like to see any new trails, or roads, the only new roads should be built for timber sales. Nor would I like to see roads closed, except it would be good to have seasonal closed roads for resource damage control.

 Specifically I would not like to see a new trail built into Eikster Lake area (NZ45a). I have had trouble actually finding on the map where and what has been proposed. The map does not show NZ45a new trail under alternative #3 but in the plan it is on alternative #3 so I’m somewhat confused but by any means please don’t put a new trail into Eikster Lake. This is inside of RARE II Roadless Area and should not have a new trail built into it. I’ve picked up countless amounts of trash in the area and surrounding area and more people mean more trash. There’s a small herd of elk that stay in that area and would be displaced with the addition of motor vehicles in the area. There’s also heavy grizzly bear use in the area. We’ve had numerous occasions that gates are left open and it would disrupt our cattle grazing, herding them toward the bottom fence line. This trail would cause heavy erosion. This proposed trail, NZ45a in alternative #3 is a bad idea.

 The Forest Service should not be spending my money on new trails or roads, maintain the ones you already have.

Sincerely, Curt Bales