

July 27, 2016

Shoshone National Forest
Attn: Rob Robertson
333 East Main Street
Lander, WY 82520

Dear Mr. Robertson,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments with regard to the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Scoping Document May 16, 2016.

Winter Use

I support the addition of the ungroomed snowmobile trail WR-06w – ungroomed Sublette Pass trail which provides access to backcountry riding north of the US Highway 26/287.

The groomed snowmobile trail from the Tie Hack parking area which runs by Lava Mountain Lodge to the Brooks Lake parking area located in the US Highway 26/287 barrow ditch included the on the Wyoming State Snowmobile Trail maps is missing from the “Winter – Wind River Ranger District Proposed Action Map. This trail must be added to the proposed action map.

I opposed any additional OSV closures on the Shoshone National Forest as may be proposed in the travel management plan.

With regard to the upper and lower “use period” zones, lower zone from 12/1 to 4/1 versus upper zone from 11/15 to 4/15, I strongly disagree with the end dates. I suggest different end dates for both upper and lower zones. For example, 5/1 for the lower zone and 6/1 for the upper zone.

I am very satisfied to see that the Proposed Action DOES NOT propose to manage OSV using minimum snow depths as each year varies in the amount of snow an area may receive. I support the proposed action stating that OSV be allowed when adequate snowfall is present.

Summer Use

Washakie Ranger District

I support the following:

WK-01 Conversion a non-motorized trail to a motorized trail

WK-26 New construction of trail

WK-27 Conversion of non-system route to motorized trail

WK-30 New construction of trail

WK-31 New construction of trail

WK-19 I do not support the closure of this portion of trail as there is no loop available for recreational users. By closing this trail it may recreational users to go “off trail”. By keeping this portion of the trail open, creating a loop, this hopefully will prompt recreational users to stay “on trail” thus eliminating

resource damage caused by off trail use. There are several examples of motorized trails that run along wilderness areas and user conflicts are minimal.

Wind River Ranger District

I support the following:

WR-07 Allow 65" vehicles

WR-11 Allow 65" vehicles and will create a loop

WR-13 Allow 65" vehicles and will create a loop

WR-14 Allow 65" vehicles and will create a loop

WR-26 Allow 65" vehicles and will create a loop

Wr-27 Allow 65" vehicles and will create a loop

SHO-02 MT10 Expand to 65" vehicles

SHO-02 MT11 Expand to 65" vehicles

SHO-02 MT13 Expand to 65" vehicles

WR-25 I do not support the seasonal closure of 4/1 to 6/30. Perhaps the closure end date could be pushed up to 5/31 instead to provide more recreational opportunities in the Burroughs Creek area

WR-29 I do not support the seasonal closure of 4/1 to 6/30. Perhaps the closure end date could be pushed up to 5/31 instead to provide more recreational opportunities in the Burroughs Creek area

WR-40 Instead of closing this route perhaps a loop could be created that would encourage "on trail" use and discourage "off trail" use.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit comments for the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Scoping Document Dated May 16, 2016.

I look forward to other opportunities to work with the Shoshone National Forest on their Travel Plan.

Sincerely,

Kathy Raper

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