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To The Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Planning Staff,

I am 13 years old and started out as a young girl in a snowcoach being pulled by my Dad on a snowmobile. I now have my own sled which I have named Frankie. My family and I love snowmobiling! We are members of the Sweetwater Snowpokes. My family has had our membership for approximately 12 years.

I would like to submit my comments on the proposed dates for the snowmobile season (proposal SHO-02w). I feel that there is no need for dates to start and finish our season. My parents and I have discussed this and I cannot understand how this would be good for the snowmobilers or for the trails? If you have us ride late, then the cross country skiers won't be able to use the trails either, because they won't be groomed. Also I think most people can figure out whether there is enough snow to ride or not. Also I was told that there is already rules in place to fine a person who cannot figure it out. 36 CFR 261.15(h) states, "it is prohibited to operate any vehicle off Forest Development, State, or County Roads in a manner which damages or unreasonably disturbs the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources." This is the rule that the SNF could use to cite someone for causing resource damage if using a snowmobile off trail when there isn't enough snow. How many rules do you need that is for the same law breaking?

Thank you for creating the new Painter trail (proposal NZ-4w)! I have not had a chance to ride over in this area yet so I am excited to try a new trail along with everyone else!

There was a study was done by the University of Wyoming on the economic impact that snowmobiling has on our economy in Wyoming. My family participated in this study and I know that my parents spend a lot of money for us to see the great outdoors of Wyoming by snowmobile. We usually stay at a hotel or a lodge and I can usually talk my folks into a sweatshirt or hat and we eat and buy gas. At the time of the study snowmobiling's contribution to the state was OVER $175 MILLION DOLLARS of income. Another interesting point is that of this $175 million,

49% was from tourism. My parents gave me these figures, but this is a lot of money that goes to the state from other families just like ours..

I want to thank you for your continued support of this sport. Thank you for taking the time to ask for our opinions and to actually take them into consideration.

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