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Please do not add any additional motorized trails to what is left of the intact ecosystem we know as the Shoshone!

It is an awesome responsibility to oversee the Shoshone and the US Forest Service is to be thanked for what it has done.
But more protection is needed.

Additional Comments on the US Forest Service Motorized Travel Management Proposed Action:

Entrusted to preserve the US Forest and the backcountry forest experience, let us remember what that is what the US Forest Service does so well.

Defining what constitutes the forest experience is actually the crux here.

How do you share a forest?
Who are the stakeholders? What are the resources that they must share and who makes those decisions.

How is the pie cut?

How is the forest experience different from a terrain park or four-wheeler track?

What does it offer that can not be replicated by human hands? How do we preserve that?

Can there still be a place that feeds the human spirit?

Can they still be a place that you can go after work and experience a moment of existential bliss?

Maybe for some it is loading up their four wheeler and hitting the trail for others it is venturing into the woods for solace and exercise.

Shouldn't each of these have their place in the forest?

And what about the wildlife? What is their value to our community and the forest community?

What piece of pie do they deserve?

Surely this community was built because of its proximity to the forest that fed it in so many ways. From the tie hacks and the timber industry to the experience that the dude ranches were able to bring to their guests, historically this community is nurtured by this forest and its protected status. Let's not let this new era change that.

Is the forest experience taking your children or taking your elderly parents into the woods and experiencing the birds, the trees, the wind, the forest floor and all that it has on foot, skis, horse or is the forest experience riding a four wheeler, riding a snowmobile?

Defining this is really what that "travel" part of travel management is about.

Often it is not feasible for children or family or an elderly person to reach the wilderness boundary or for someone with disabilities. It is just not possible to make the trip, so it is important to provide access to areas that are safe for families. Safety is paramount. We can all agree on safety. This means that all trails are user friendly. Before the grooming for snowmobiles there were skiers on those trails. Now it is unsafe for skiers to be on those trails. How do we fix this?

What is the value of one experience versus another? Traditional

versus modern?

Motorized travel must be limited.
It is scaring game and it is scaring people.

WYDOT has even separated the parking lots with "snowmobile parking" not "snowmobile and skier parking". Do you think this has contributed to the dystopia?

If it weren't for the preservationists there would be no public forests.
Save it intact.

Sincerely,

Eugenie Copp