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Having attended the proposed changes to the SNF Travel Management Plan presented at the Cody Library, I would like to offer the following comments: Granted, the proposed changes add minimal additional mechanized travel to the overall SNF. However, adding any new roads approved for ATV travel to this forest is the first of many new proposals that will surely follow in the upcoming years. Mixing the two primary forms of travel, equine and ATV, they are not compatible. There is plenty of surrounding BLM and Forest land that is approved for ATV recreation. Why must there be an ongoing movement to continue to expand trail and roads into this pristine forest. Back packing, hiking and equine travel offers travel recreation that leaves very little traces of use. Not so with ATV trails that are made where the rider wants to go.

Being a little more specific, I concur with the proposal to close the Sweetwater Creek road above the first creek crossing. This creek bottom offers some of the best berry production for fall grizzly bear habitat. With the Sweetwater lodge no longer there, there is no longer a need for the road. If claiming that the road adds access for fall hunting, then one could also claim that a person whom has walked all the way into the migration corridor to hunt has his hunt ruined by a road hunter on an ATV.

Thank you for your considering these comments.

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