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Dear Forest Service:

On behalf of Big Wild Adventures, Inc., a permitted outfitter/guide for backpack trips on the Shoshone National forest and many other public land areas since 1978, I urge you to scrap the existing travel management proposal and instead manage all inventoried roadless areas primarily for maintaining their wilderness character. The Shoshone is primarily a Wilderness and wildlife forest, and these are the values that should be emphasized. Roadless areas contiguous with the Popo Agie, Fitzpatrick, Washakie, North Absaroka and Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness are particularly important and should be managed to protect their Wilderness potential with non-mechanized recreation prioritized and mechanized transportation allowed only on existing system roads.

In recent years I have seen numerous grizzlies and one wolverine in the wilds of this unique forest, not to mention large numbers of more common species such as mule deer, elk and bighorn sheep. As wildness diminishes, so too, do populations of rare and sensitive species. Please manage travel on this forest for the benefit of wildlife and for the perpetuation of the wilderness values that define the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Keep roadless areas intact and non-mechanized.

Thank you.

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