

Dear Mr. Robertson,

My name is Troy Jones of Cody, Wyoming. I have resided here my entire life, the past fifty years, with the exception of four years serving my country in the United States Marine Corps. I consider myself as a conservationist and an avid outdoorsman.

It has come to my attention that the Forest Service has proposed changes to its travel management program, with intentions of finally eliminating the remaining roads off of the pavement. This effectively excludes anyone elderly and/or handicapped from visiting this very scenic area. Which leads to the reason for this letter.

During this year's Spring Bear Hunting Season, a friend and I were attempting to access a Forest Service Road, which we've traveled many times, specifically the "Henry Mill Road", on Dead Indian, north of Cody. To my surprise this road is now **closed** with Forest Service fiberglass markers across the road! This road is now terminated approximately one mile from the Wilderness Boundary. This road closure makes absolutely no sense to me, as it had previously been closed at least once prior. There is no erosion and no illegal trails off of it. The only roads off of it were made for livestock purposes and grazing.

This road was established over fifty years ago, if not longer, as it was utilized to access a working sawmill for several years. Therefore, I know this is not an "illegal road", which is what Doug Johnston, of the Shoshone Forest, tried to claim to me in a recent conversation. From my understanding, Mr. Johnston recently moved to the Park County area only a few short years ago. He is also a "Seasonal Employee" of the Forest Service. It is my opinion, he is not using sound judgement, nor is he recognizing historical usage. His only intent appears to be to "federalize" this land, effectively seizing it from the public.

After speaking with Mr. Johnston, he informed me to make my comments in writing to the Travel Management Proposal plan, which is why I am writing to you.

Also, I spoke with Sue Stressed, the office supervisor. She was very pleasant, but lacked any knowledge of the roads, or their history in the area in which I referred to. Ms. Stresser informed me she relied heavily on Mr. Johnston's decisions in the area.

It is my concern Mr. Johnson is closing roads around the Cody area based on his biased personal wishes and without supervision.

A few examples of road closures in the area are as follows:

Little Sunlight Road from the campground to the Wilderness Fence

Henry Mill Road on Dead Indian

Muddy Creek in Crandall

Kitty Creek on the North Fork

Clearwater on the North Fork, north of the highway

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Huff Gulch in Sunlight

Rattlesnake to the Wilderness Boundary

To my knowledge, the Forest Service is supposed to be "A good steward of the land, for the enjoyment of the people" all of the people, not just horse owners. I do not see this happening, as I have never witnessed a road improvement, or access project on Forest Service land, in the Cody area. Use sound judgement and finally listen to the area residents. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Troy Jones.

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