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To Whom It May Concern,

It has been brought to my attention the Shoshone National Forest (SNF) Travel Management-Scoping Document dated May 2016. As a biologist, outdoor enthusiast and friend of a local small business owner that utilizes the SNF, specifically Fire Service Road (FSR) 501 I feel it my duty to comment on the proposed changes to this area of the SNF. As indicated, proposal WR 26, located in the vicinity of Bear Creek in the wind River Ranger District is looking to convert the existing motorized trail to a smaller 65" vehicle trail in order to reduce impacts to wetlands and riparian areas. While I admire and applaud the efforts of the National Forest Service (NFS) to reduce impacts I feel proposal WR 26 in fact would increase the impacts to these sensitive areas. By decreasing the width of a permitted vehicle, the users would be taking many more trips on a ATV than would be needed by one truck. In my opinion, a seasonal closure of the road until the end of the spring runoff season would have a more positive impact in reducing the stated goals than limiting the road only to ATVs. During this time of year, the combination of the increased runoff and vehicles greatly increases impacts not only to these sensitives areas but also impacts areas further downstream as a result of sedimentation. I hope that the NFS will reconsider proposal WR 26 and not limit the width of a vehicle to an ATV but look at limiting travel during the most fragile time of the year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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