From:

To: FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone

Subject: Shoshone Travel Plan

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the Shoshone Natl Forest winter travel plan proposal. I am an active backcountry skier on Togwotee Pass. I support the proposal for winter motorized use season dates. These dates help minimize impacts to wildlife, eliminate conflict between motorized and non-motorized recreation on the Beartooth Plateau, and aligns with management on neighboring forests. Please also consider including into the travel plan a minimum snow depth restriction of 18 inches for over-snow vehicle use. This restriction will ensure that there is only motorized travel occurring when there's enough snow to protect the underlying vegetation

I also support the proposal to close to motorized travel the areas around the Deception Creek and Pinnacles cross-country ski trails on Togwotee Pass.

In looking at the proposal, I oppose designating the Sublette Pass trail as a winter motorized route. This trail has traditionally been used by, and managed for, skiers and I believe it should stay that way.

Thank you for considering my input as an avid backcountry skier!

Sincerely,

Julia Fairbank