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To: [FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone](#)
Subject: Motorized Vehicle Usage Plan for Shoshone National Forest
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Dear Rob Robertson,

July 23, 2016

I am writing this letter in regards to a proposal(NZ-01w), submitted to the Shoshone National Forest, to restrict snowmobile use so as to enhance the protection of winter habitat. As a homeowner of the B4 ranch, I am very aware of the snowmobilers and ATV's who criss cross the valley with disregard for local wildlife.

As you are in the process of updating the Shoshone National Forest Motorized Vehicle Use Plan, I hope you are seriously considering reinforcing the original plan of making snowmobilers stay on the existing groomed trail. When snowmobilers go off the trail, and "open" snowmobiling is allowed, there is increased impact and stress on the local wildlife.

Since this area was logged in 2012, coupled with the increased use by snowmobilers in the last 10 years, the surrounding habitat has been greatly affected. Moose, fox, deer, and ermine all live in this area, especially along the riverbanks of the Clarks Fork River.

While I understand it is hard to enforce the rules in this area for snowmobilers, I hope you will consider ways in which snowmobilers can be informed and educated about the environmental impact their machines have on the area between Pilot Creek and the bridge below the L-T, and about staying on the designated trail.

Thank you,

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