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All,

My name is Mike Ioffredo, and I spent much of my youth growing up in Dubois and the surrounding area.

I feel that the proposed change, converting a section of FSR 501 to a motorized trail, will not meet the stated goal of "reducing impact on riparian areas" and will only reduce access by requiring anybody wanting to use the road to purchase an expensive ATV. Instead, I propose a seasonal closure rather than a total conversion to an ATV trail. The idea of converting to an "ATV trail" will in no way improve the quality of the road and or riparian areas. With a seasonal closure until the end of the runoff season during the spring, the road would be greatly improved and meet the stated goals of the Forest Service Travel Management Plan, without reducing the access for those unable to buy an expensive ATV. If the conversion to an ATV trail is made as per proposal WR-26, the road will continue to degrade as the road will still be used at its most fragile time of year. I hope that the United States Forest Service will reconsider this proposal for something more beneficial for the forest road and its users.

Thank you,

Mike Ioffredo