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My name is Cyndy Roche and I am a customer of Bear Basin Adventures (outfitters), Dubois Wyoming. I am commenting on the proposed change to the road WR-26.

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. It will also mean that people are making more frequent trips on that road. The outfitter operation called Bear Basin Adventures is probably the most active user of the road, and they have a large vehicle that they use to transport their camping supplies, food & equipment to their camp site. With one larger vehicle, they are able to make their trip in one go, if they had to use smaller vehicles, it would require many trips, which would potentially damage the road even more than only 1 trip would do.

A seasonal closer of the road would make much more sense. The riparian areas and road in general receives the majority of said damage during the wet spring months. Please consider a seasonal closure instead of 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.

People using smaller vehicles will tend to exacerbate the damage, by making more frequent trips on that road, by extending the road & damage by driving around the bad bits, therefore damaging the terrain on either side of the road as well. Please consider a seasonal closure, rather than limiting the types of vehicles that can use this road.

I agree that a seasonal closure until the end of the runoff season during the spring could greatly improve the road 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.

Thanks for considering all opinions.

Regards,

Cyndy Roche,

A customer of

Bear Basin Adventures