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To The Shoshone National Forest Managers:

Thank you for consideration of the following comments on the Motorized Travel Management Proposed Action.

I am opposed to any additional motorized development in the Shoshoni National Forest. Below are listed some personal encounters and experience with motorized users of the National Forest.

Like many others I treasure the opportunity to be in this beautiful forest and understand that many others have interest as well. However, some forms of “recreation” are simply too destructive to the terrain, negatively impact wildlife or impinge on my rights to enjoy and in some cases use the National Forest.

Just yesterday I was hiking in Shell Canyon and could not get away from the noise of off-road vehicles – but what was more worrisome is the smog cloud that I could clearly see covering the Big Horn Basin.

One answer is less motorized travel in our national parks and wilderness areas not more. But of importance also is the negative impact on wildlife which are of increasing value to tourism.

Three years ago in late spring my husband and I were horseback riding in Sunlight Basin outside of the gate which was locked to any travel because of bear mating season. As we got to the gate a truck with Texas plates and four 4-wheelers drove up, unloaded, drove around the gate – tearing up the stream bank and off they went. I am still mad at myself for not videoing the whole encounter and sending it to the local sheriff.

More roads will just mean more illegal use.

And here is another experience in the Clark’s Fork Canyon – walking alongside four wheelers going up and back all afternoon and driving circles around the sign that said to stay on the road. This was during hunting season and greatly worried me that people that out of control were “hunting”.

With current resources Park personnel is already unable to enforce regulations on the road system in use. It is an imprudent idea to increase the amount of roads for more motorized travel.

My question is – how can we propose a 40% increase to the Shoshone’s 252 existing motorized loop miles when we cannot enforce the rules on what is already in use? What about how much taxpayer money is needed to create infrastructure and maintenance of these road systems to create more roads for this minority interest group?

75% of individual Wyoming commenters on the Forest Plan opposed additional motorized development on the forest
so please consider the people's will when adding more "motorized trails" - or really, roads.

Thank you for your consideration,

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