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**To:** <u>FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone</u>

Subject: Input to the proposed winter travel management plan for the Shoshone Natinal forest

**Date:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 3:42:45 PM

## Dear Mr. Robertson,

Thank you for giving the community the opportunity to provide comment and input to the proposed winter travel management plan for the Shoshone National Forest.

As a member of the Jackson Hole Nordic Alliance, a community collaboration of over 100 members who support our winter trails for non-motorized recreation such as Cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, and fat biking, I:

- Support the proposed winter motorized use season dates these dates help minimize impacts to
  wildlife, eliminate conflict between motorized and non-motorized recreation on the Beartooth Pass,
  and align with management on neighboring forests.
- Support the proposal to prohibit motorized use, with the exception of grooming equipment, on and around the Deception Creek and Pinnacles cross-country ski trails on Togwotee Pass.
- Oppose designating the Sublette Pass trail as a winter motorized route. This trail has traditionally been used by, and managed for, skiers.
- Ask that the Shoshone include a minimum snow depth restriction of 18 inches to ensure that oversnow vehicle use is only occurring when there's enough snow to protect the underlying vegetation

Thank you for your consideration to minimize impact on the winter use of the Shoshone national forest.

With best regards, Nancy Leon