

Shoshone National Forest

Questionnaire for Travel Management Participation

Please return your answers by June 26, 2015

What specific concerns or opportunities would you like to see addressed in this process?

1. Transparency is essential to maintain credibility of the process as is direct and open communication.
2. SNF has to set the GOAL or Standard for this TM process to be successful in align the opposing opinions to work towards one goal and maximize everyone's efforts.
 - a. i.e. the SNF is going to create (2) new connector routes in the North Zone.
3. All motorized closures including seasonal, temporary, timber sales, wildlife, safety, and resource related should go through a public process to clearly define what, where, why, and goals of the closure.
4. Detailed definition of "Administrative Closures" in the plan would provide transparency for all users and give all an opportunity to discuss this during the process.
 - a. i.e. the SNF is going to adjust seasonal road closures in the North Zone area?
5. Increased signage and maps defining the area and special designations with rules at all main trailheads.
6. Trail junctions need signs and maps defining where you are and where you can go.
7. Define trails based on type of trail like the Bighorns uses: Roads (all vehicles), 4x4 Road (high clearance full size vehicle or ORV), 50 Inch ORV, and Dirt Bike only.
8. Volunteer program for recreational users to assist with signage and clearing of trails?

Does the current motorized road/trail system suit your needs?

1. The current road/trail system does not meet the motorized user's needs for high quality looped/ connector motorized opportunities.
 - a. Connector route on Trail 201 south of woodriver SNF boundary do not connect to the current motorized routes to the south on gooseberry creek trail 217. These trails are isolated from the general public as no public easements through private exist.
 - b. Looped Trail between Trail 202-204 west of upper sunshine lake.
 - c. Connector route on Carter Mountain from 474.1U to 474 to provide a challenging and high quality trail route not typically used by passenger vehicles.
 - d. Connector route on Pat Ohara mtn from Trail 103 to Trail 102.1.
 - e. Reopen Sawtooth Lake connector route from trail 149 to 120.
 - f. Connector route on beartooth front from trail 121 to trail 140.

What ideas do you have to improve enforcement?

1. Focus on repeated illegal activity occurrences to define who, what, why, and when these issues occur so you can react in a concise and defined approach to focus efforts on the 5% of population causing the primary issues.
2. Use obvious and defined trail closure measures with boulders, trees, maps, and public education to limit reoccurrences of illegal activity.

3. Significantly improve signage, maps, and education on the ground?
4. Ensure documents, including maps, provided to the public are detailed enough to allow users not familiar with an area, to fully understand the areas addressed in the document.

What kind of ideas would you like to have presented at public meetings? What format for public meetings do you think would work best to exchange information (open house, small groups, theater style presentations)?

1. 10 minute presentations from each user group to present their goals and reasons to the whole group so we can understand where we agree and how to resolve the differences.
 - a. Where the GYC, WWA, and Sierra Club want to close roads and why?
 - b. Where do the Backcountry Horsemen want to limit motorized use and why?
 - c. Where do the hunting enthusiasts want to limit motorized use and why?
 - d. Where the game and fish want to limit motorized use and why?
 - e. Where the SNF has maintenance or high occurrence of illegal activity?
 - f. Where the motorized community would like to see increased opportunities?
2. We need a goal (1 or 2) subjects for the meeting and then break out into small groups as long there is a variety of users at each small group so we can understand each person's goals and challenges.
3. Engage the public in theater style presentations with breakout session like last night after we have completed all of the steps above and have some sort of direction?

Do you think field trips would be helpful? If so, where? What opportunity/concern would you like to address in the field?

1. Yes, we feel a field trip is of high value if we can define a focus area that has a high potential for a new trail creation.
2. No, if it is to look at the illegal activity that the SNF has not been able to curtail with their current operation. This will only feed the fire of the non-motorized community and stifle any potential solutions and teamwork.
3. Identify projects and improvements the SNF users could volunteer to undertake.

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