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Subject: OHV use/access to USFS lands
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I'm writing a brief e-mail after reading an article in the local (Cody Enterprise) newspaper representing the views of an OHV use organization urging more & better access (opening) on USFS lands. My wife and I am avid outdoors folks, hiking, camping, wildlife watching, fishing & hunting and we own/use an ATV. With that as a preface let me say:

(1) In our experience, the USFS does a pretty good job of managing USFS lands (National Forests) for multiple use - balancing the competing interests, "politics" & emotional view points that are frequently represented.

(2) As far as expanding the opportunities (i.e.: opening more access) for OHV use **we are firmly opposed to that type of action.** Until the USFS has adequate personnel & resources to "police" the violations that are damaging the resource and the OHV community can do a better job of policing itself they should be content with the current access.

Our biggest complaints with the users of public land (in no particular order) are: disregard for existing regulations - especially by OHV users and campers over staying the limits (occupying 1 spot for most of the summer season), litter, recreational shooting (i.e.: target practice). We realize that these issues are caused by a minority of Forest users. Areas around Cody of particular concern (in our observation) are: Lily Lake area in Beartooths, Sunlight Basin and the northern/west side of the Big Horns.

Thank you for listening to these concerns, keep up the goos work.

Best regards,

Dave Engelhardt 