

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management

Ranger District: Clarks Fork

Comments on NZ-01. ATV trail from Line Creek to Little Rocky Creek.

A – LEAVE IT AS IT IS

- 1 Livestock utilizing range land under proper management will improve that range land.
- 2 Improved range grass base improves habitat for other wildlife.
- 3 Domestic Livestock and other ungulates co-exist in complete tranquility and predators exist To some extent on all of them.
- 4 Improvements and maintenance of improvements are done usually at the expense of the Rancher (permittee). Examples include cross fences for rotation grazing systems and water development.
- 5 In addition ranchers pay the government a fee for grazing their livestock on government land.

B—PUT IN A PUBLIC ATV TRAIL

- 6 The proposed ATV trail will destroy much of the tranquility that exists for both domestic and wild life, the results of which are some- what unpredictable.
- 7 Cattle guards will need to be installed on the trail because the public cannot be depended on to close gates and keep the integrity of the rotation grazing system.
- 8 Installation of bridges and their maintenance will be expensive.
- 9 Building and maintaining a safe ATV trail is going to be expensive and challenging in some areas.
- 10 An ATV trail won't improve the grass base. It won't improve the wildlife environment.

C==PUT IN A "TOLL TRAIL"

- 11 Perhaps it should be like a toll road, so the people who use it could help pay for it (like the ranchers do on their improvements to the range)

As a rancher that borders this proposed trail , it is obvious, it will create more challenges for my operation. The added stress will affect everyone and everything that lives in this environment.

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