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Subject: Motorized Vehicle Use in the Shoshone National Forest
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I am writing to express my disapproval regarding efforts to open additional trails/roads on the Shoshone National forest to use by recreational ATVs. With several hundred miles of trails already available to motorized vehicles, there are plenty of opportunities for this type of recreation.

Motorized ATVs do not mix well with other recreational uses of the forest or with wildlife. As a hiker, hunter and horseback rider, the appearance of these vehicles in the forest always detracts from my outdoor experience. The disturbance they make on the trail can be a significant danger for hikers and horses alike. The impact ATVs have on the forest in terms of erosion and damage to the flora and fauna is significant and can be seen wherever they are allowed.

I realize that many people use these devices for recreation and respect their right to do so. I do not however support expansion of their use in the forest. The Shoshone National Forest is a limited resource that we should respect and protect from the destruction these vehicles can and do deliver.

Respectfully,

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