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There is good and there is bad in the proposed management plan put forth for the public comment. Each change to the present plan helps some and takes away from others.

As you can tell by the 2016 political campaigns the public is upset with Government

Let's be positive and reasonable in our approach. As a snowmobiler I am excited to see the addition to the trail system in the Crandall Area. This will be a great option for snowmobilers to access the mountain from the Crandall Store and homes in the area.

Also for snowmobilers dates for open and closed is a problem. It all depends on snow conditions which changes with elevation along with weather patterns. We don't seem to have any control over the weather. Therefore I would prefer not have set dates unless there is options to extend dates because of conditions that would allow the recreational use by snowmobilers.

Now let me switch to my general use of the Shoshone National Forest. I have lived here all my life and the outdoor recreation is the prime reason we live here. It seems to me that many of the dates for camp grounds, trail closures and day trips are directed at motorized vehicles. Several of the dates closed the Forest to public on Memorial Day weekend. This is a big weekend family outings. Again the Forest Service has the ability now to control usage when there is resource damage, therefore dates don't control when it is feasible to us a particular site.

Another point is the comment period is very short for the public. Most folks have full time jobs and it takes time to thoroughly go thru the documents and to study the maps on the web site is hard because they come out so small. Therefore I request that the comment period be extended.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to staying involved.

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