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Subject: FW: Limestone Mountain Road 326

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Dear Chief Ranger Schacht

I am writing in regards to road 326 and road 352 as considered in the new travel management plan. I have been living and climbing in the Lander area for the past twenty years. These two roads are without a doubt the most crucial to future climbing opportunities in the area, in particular the Wolf Point cliff. The cliff at Wolf Point is the best cliff in the Lander area, and is one of the best cliffs in the entire country! It is important to be able to access the climbing as early as possible in the spring, when the weather is still cool enough to allow climbing on the south facing cliffs. Generally, the month of June signals the end of the spring season. This year with the gate opening in mid June, the spring climbing season is over before it begins. I believe road 326 and road 352 are equally important to a variety of user groups. With seasonal closure on the Shoshone Lake Road and the Loop Road, Limestone Mountain Road 326 is the only access to the mountains as soon as weather allows in the spring time. It is my understanding that road 326 and 352 are considered level 2 roads in the current plan, but they are far below level 2 in actual quality and condition. I strongly feel that improvements to these roads should be prioritized in the new travel management plan. For the climbing community, it is very important that these roads are improved to a point that would eliminate the need for spring closure of the gate.

Sincerely,

BJ Tilden