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1. I fully support decommissioning NZ-23 Upper Sunlight Sulphur Creek. There have been years of violations in the Sunlight Peak basin and ATVs are trying to get over Stinkingwater Pass into Copper lakes. thank you for this proposal.
2. I fully support NZ-19 seasonal closure as this is a road that is abused in the shoulder season and gets very muddy
3. I am very concerned about the new Line Creek actions that involve a new ATV route. This area is becoming increasingly occupied by grizzly bears and is winter elk habitat. In addition, the FS and G&F has not addressed illegal animal dumping that is taking place which also attracts bears and has local residents complaining about too many bears (without them being aware of the illegal dumps which I have personally run into).
4. I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the new open date of 7/1-3/31 for Upper Sunlight Bear gate. On your chart you say the **PRESENT OPEN** dates are 3/31-7/16 and 9/30-12/1. This is incorrect. Those are the **CLOSED** dates presently. That aside, I am extremely concerned about a longer **OPEN** season. Sunlight Basin is now highly impacted with ATV use. The traffic on the road is extreme with ATVs and campers hauling ATVs. Extending that date will only exacerbate an already stressed ecosystem, dust, as well as noise.

I understand that the congested Sunlight campground issue will be taken up at a later date. I would urge the FS to, whatever their decision is, place bear boxes at the primitive campsites up near Gas Creek off Sunlight Road.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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