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Forest Service Friends –

Let's not implement the final Forest Plan designating an additional 106 miles of motorized loops around Dubois as available for summer and winter motorized use. Many of our areas, like the 30,000-acre Wiggins Fork Roadless area, are critical elk-calving, grizzly and lynx habitat and are locally championed as the best easily-accessed foot and horseback hunting and summer recreation areas on the Shoshone. Even Warm Springs has it's herds of elk in the fall.

It's our hope and wish that the Forest Service demonstrate and implement the ability to close roads that are supposed to be closed, sign (brightly with orange could be more effectively sighted) those trails that are approved, and enforce the current map of motorized and non-motorized trails. Then we can potentially discuss expanding into one new area if desired by local ATV users, but not WR# or WR11 with their many damaging impacts.

We hike, ride horses, snowshoe, etc....horses and ATVs speeding towards them is dangerous. Riders try to stay away from motorized traffic, but it doesn't work in reverse. Plus new roads have not shown to lessen the off road/new areas of negative impacts. Our area of the state has hundreds of miles of abundant trails already vs Cody and other areas. So why are we discussing more roads in this area especially since most respondents didn't want more motorized development of the forest?

We do like the seasonal bookends idea, and encourage the use of both the Deception and Pinnacles areas for skiers and snowshoeing – excluding snowmobiles. These areas can be damaged for a long time by just one snowmobiler weaving across a groomed trail which we've experienced first-hand on several occasions. My husband and I [REDACTED] love to moonlight snowshoe in Deception and you can get hurt pretty quickly by thoughtlessness, ignorance or mean-ness by stumbling into a snowmobile track! Skiing is impossible until the next significant snowfall.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work for our Shoshone Forest which is experiencing enough stress already – people, warming temps and beetles are a challenging combination!

Best wishes – Kathy and Lary Treanor

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