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RE: Shoshone National Forest Travel Management –

As a snowmobiler from Iowa who travels 16+ hours one way, 3-5 a year, very disappointing to hear land will be taken away from us.

If we have to ride trails, we will just buy trail sleds and head north with a 6 hr drive to ride trails.

We have heard this story over and over again from many places North and West!

An example, little towns in BC Canada. They didn't want snowmobilers, small towns closed up because the skiers didn't spend money. They packed the hotel rooms with as many as possible, brought their own food and when they did go out on the town they had water and shared meals. Places did NOT survive and had to shut the doors. Now the towns are big and strong because of the snowmobilers... shame they had to learn the hard way.

Wy is beautiful in many ways, the mountains, the towns, the people, the animals. I am a very active member with our locale Snowmobile Club and State Association. We are volunteer with Haydays, worlds largest snowmobile event. Minnesota's 2nd largest event and it's only a 2 day event, the 10 day state fair is 1st! I set up our yearly club trip to WY. 15-25 people from Iowa drive out for this week long club trip. We spend money on lodging, we sight see to Jackson, Dubois, we spend money on gas, food, lodging, grocery stores, rentals, parts, souvenirs, license's, the drive out, the drive back. Taking land away, making it trail riding only, not only would this hurt your area, it would hurt the 600 miles between us. How many times have we had to spend a night in a motel because interstate is closed. It adds up! When we bring a new snowmobiler to see this area they return. That equals cash flow!

I know i am a small voice who travels with my husband to mountain ride while we can. I ride my butt off [REDACTED] just to keep up with the boys, climb that high mountain, have the fresh pow hit my face, just to see that breathe taking view that mother nature provided to us.

Unfortunately just like everything else, mother nature provided it to us and man is taking it away. Thank you for your time. I hope to be able to continue spending my money and vacations in WY (Winter and summer!)

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