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Sir:

The Sunlight Basin Landowners Association has reviewed the Shoshone National Forest's Travel Management Proposals. We want to express our views on several issues that affect the quality of life in the Sunlight.

1. Proposed Action to Decommission the Upper Part of Sulphur Creek: We fully support the Forest's decision to close this route. This reduces damage to the glacial bowl above and the entrance into Copper Lakes.
2. Proposed Action to close Beem Gulch to traffic seasonally The Association supports this action in order to maintain the road and provide better winter wildlife habitat.
3. Proposed Action New Open Dates for Upper Sunlight/Sulphur Creek: The Association is strongly against any change in the road open/closure dates. Our valley has seen yearly steady increase in traffic on the Sunlight Road. Presently the road is open in the summer July 16 through September 30 and winter January 1 through March 31. Winter use is minimal due to access. Yet summer use has ballooned over the past few years by ATVs.

By opening the gate two weeks earlier, and extending the access season an extra 3 months in the calendar year during hunting season when the weather can be mild, the ATV traffic on Sunlight Road will become intolerable as the noise and dust pollution increases. In addition, the fall and early winter is an active time for wildlife in the Basin. Easy road access for hunters into the upper end of the basin will also increase traffic.

We urge the Forest to keep the Sunlight/Sulphur Creek Seasonal Restriction dates as they are now.

Thank you for your consideration,



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