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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the proposal to open up a section of FSR 501 to become an ATV trail. Though I don't live in Wyoming, I have been a regular visitor and a former land owner in Fremont County, since 1984. My visits always involve the National Parks. I find the increase in ATV traffic disturbing to human and wildlife alike. The noise and air pollution these vehicles generate seems directly opposite a peaceful wilderness experience

While many responsible ATV drivers do follow the trails, increasingly I have witnessed and/or seen direct evidence of ATVs deviating from marked trails. While visiting the Shoshone National Forest June 26 - July 2nd, I witnessed fast and reckless ATV drivers going off trail in and around FSR 501. I saw ATV tracks going through unmarked grass valleys and steep wooded areas well west of Castle Rock and Little Castle, until they had to circle back to their trail.

The ATV's narrow tires, faster speeds and maneuverability allow them to access road/trail areas during the wettest times of the year, continuing to rut and mar forest service roads and riparian areas. Perhaps more discriminate access to the roads during wet periods would be a better management tactic instead of free access by ATVs only?

Current slow-moving truck traffic on the FSR by permitted hunters/outfitters/cattlemen have a vested interest to limit damage to the area where they conduct business endeavors. Please reconsider converting FSR 501 an ATV-only trail.

Thank you,  
Marcia Rigg