

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on the current proposal number NZ-19. This seasonal closure is not warranted. SNF is only proposing this to have common seasonal dates across the forest. This is not a valid reason. This road has no erosion issues, has little impact to wildlife, and provides a high value experience. Local people use this road to access the forest when other areas are closed. The historic use has been predator hunting, mountain lion hunting, spring bear hunting, winter photography, an access point to cross country ski, snowshoeing, etc. The SNF needs to take into account the fact that someday there will be a wolf season, and we need access to these type areas to control them. We also need to keep low impact areas open, to help disperse use across the forest. Perhaps an alternative would be to monitor this road and to keep it open as conditions allow.

Thanks,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on current proposal number NZ-28. This proposal makes good sense. It is in an area that is relatively low in elevation, so there are no impacts to wildlife in the summer use period. It is a very dry area, so there will be very little impact to resources. It will provide a good a valuable loop opportunity. It has been proven that properly constructed loops increase compliance.

My only concern with this proposal is that no dates were listed in the proposal. I would encourage the SNF to consult with local OHV riders, and with hunters, and develop dates that work for existing user groups. Some of the dates that have been proposed by SNF do not work with current hunting seasons etc. and this type of issue could be handled, if SNF speaks with local groups.

Thank you,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest travel management team,

I would like to comment on Current proposal number NZ-14. This proposal warrants moving forward. It has been proven that properly designed loop trails promote good compliance. I would encourage the SNF to get together with the local OHV community and design this road in a way that works for the long term. There are ways that we can design this so it works. This is a very good addition to the current system. It has little to no impact on resources and wildlife; it also helps to disperse use, which is a great thing. I commend the SNF for moving this forward. I would also suggest that this new loop be classified as a trail, or dual designation, so our youth can ride there.

There are camping areas close, and kids would benefit from this, as the SNF currently has no trails that kids are welcome on, something I find very disheartening.

Thank you,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on Current proposal number NZ-15. While this proposal is not indicated on the map, I feel that it is a good addition to the road system. It will help to disperse use on the current system, with little to no impact to wildlife or resources. It also comes with little effort. I would also encourage the SNF to change this loop from a road to a trail, again for youth opportunity.

Thanks,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest travel management team,

I would like to comment on current proposal NZ-12. This is a no brainer. We should open any existing road that has little to no wildlife or resource impacts. This helps to disperse use, and provides an opportunity to a growing user group, with little to no effort from SNF.

Thank you,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on the current proposal number NZ-20. This closure makes sense as it was modified.

Thanks,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest travel management team,

I would like to comment on current proposal NZ-01. I feel that this proposal is good overall. I see some issues on the map. The trail needs to be continuous, to provide an opportunity for our youth. The current map does not provide that. If these issues are corrected, I feel that this proposal should move forward, to provide a place for families to ride with their children.

Thank you,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on current proposal number NZ-30. This is an overall good proposal. The recreational value during shoulder seasons is high. The seasonal closure dates correspond well with current hunting seasons etc. I would encourage the SNF to move this proposal forward as it is written.

Thank you,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest travel management team,

I would like to comment on the current proposal number NZ-03. This change is very good. This road was historically used to access the Beartooth Mountains to hunt bears in the spring. The current gate was installed without going through NEPA, and needs to be corrected. There are no issues with erosion, or maintenance on this road. Having roads that do not have high amounts of snow on them in the spring also helps to disperse use, which SNF should take advantage of wherever possible, to prevent congestion in other areas.

I also would like to add that the Morrison Jeep trail should be designated as a trail. If any road should be designated a trail this is it. We should be able to take our kids on this trail. There would be no vehicle safety issues, as the primitive nature of this trail prevents anyone from going fast enough to have an accident with another vehicle. There are camping areas close enough that a family could make use of this trail with their kids. As the SNF currently has no trail for our youth, I feel this should be a priority.

Thank you,

Dustin Roencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest travel management team,

I would like to comment on current proposal # NZ-36 thru NZ-40 these proposals should move forward. These camp sites have seen historical use for many years. Closing them would only impact other areas on the SNF. There are no negative impacts to keeping all of them open. These camp sites provide a high quality camping experience for local users who do not want to camp in a campground.

Thanks,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on the current proposal number NZ-23. This proposal should only be moved forward after all other avenues have been exhausted. This road has seen an immeasurable amount of historic use. Local folks have used this road for over 50 years to access the wilderness area beyond. It is a very popular route to look into copper lakes. The SNF should continue to negotiate with the property owner to secure an easement. They should also involve state parks and trails and work together to obtain an easement. This road should only be gated after this has been tried. Also, if it comes to a gate, the SNF should involve the local OHV community in the placement of this gate, to ensure that it works, and is defensible.

Thanks,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest travel management team,

I would like to comment on current proposal NZ-07. I feel that the closing of the last portion of the sweet water road because of maintenance is not acceptable. There are options for the SNF to be able to maintain this portion of the road. State parks and trails have a maintenance team available to handle this type of issue. There is also a local OHV group that has expressed a willingness to enter into a MOU to provide funding, and man power to accomplish maintenance on the road system. The fact that SNF uses maintenance as an excuse to close roads shows that they do not want to work to keep these areas available to motorized users. This group of users is growing, and any road that is open, disperses use, and prevents congestion, and over use of the very limited road system on the SNF. The north fork area has extremely limited motorized access. We need to maintain the ones that we have, or trade them for new areas that do not require as much maintenance. Last year we lost a portion of the Black Water road to make the new zip line, the SNF should have traded the portion of sweet water that is hard to maintain, for the zip line. Bottom line is that the SNF needs to work

harder to maintain the roads and trails that we have, and to provide opportunity for a growing user group.

Thank you,

Dustin Rosencranse

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on the current proposal number NZ-27. This proposal makes sense, and can be substantiated. It should move forward. It provides a good camping opportunity for a lot of people, and has been historically used with no significant impacts.

Thanks,

Dustin Rosencranse