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I have attended the meetings and listened to many comments regarding this plan. I have hiked and utilized many of the trails in question. The issue here is how much more motorized travel can the Forrest sustain and retain its unique character of the first in the nation National Forrest. There are already numerous off road motorized travel routes and many more that appear to be illegally created. This is hard to control because of the lack of enforcement in the forrest. I would suggest maintaining properly the trails already in existence and only do loop trails on closed logging roads that are already developed. No new off road trails should be developed.

It is important to uphold the forrest's integrity as well as provide for what your decreased budgets can support. The Shoshone is the major forrest in Wyoming that still offers the opportunity of quality and quiet back country experiences. This tradition needs to be maintained at all costs. The support for this is overwhelming. Those who desire off road experiences have plenty of other options such as the Big Horn NF that is overrun with ATV and UTV machinery. Please do not go the Big Horn route. Preserve the first National Forrest for those who seek a quiet, physically challenging and spiritual time in both the wilderness and front country as well.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Warren Murphy

