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To: Robertson, Robert N -FS

Subject: Comment on Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan

## Dear Rob,

This comment is in support of proposal NZ-01w related winter snowmobile use in the Upper Clark's Fork River area of the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan. The current plan allows for "open" access to all areas surrounding the established, groomed snowmobile trail. NZ-01w proposal is to restrict snowmobile use to the established, groomed trail only, and eliminate the word "open" thereby restricting access to the land surrounding the groomed trail.

This Upper Clark's Fork River area is a narrow valley that provides important winter habitat for a number of species, particularly moose and bear and fox. This area has been highly impacted by human activity over the past 5 years particularly as a result of logging which has opened up the forest thus allowing snowmobiles to have much easier access to areas outside of the established groomed trail.

Proposal NZ-01w was submitted for consideration into the current proposed action plan,, but was not included. I would like to request that NZ-01w be reconsidered and included in the next proposed action plan document.

Thank you for considering my request to include NZ-01w in the final travel management plan.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Spencer Murchison