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To Whom it may concern;

I am a former client of Heath and Sarah Woltman who has been awed by the vast untouched quality of the Shoshonee/Absoroka area. While I have not been in the Bear Creek area I'm concerned that blanket rule changes may have unintended impacts. The end goal should be to reduce the impact to watersheds, wildlife, and enjoyment of the remoteness of Shoshonee Nat'l Forest. Where I live, ATVs cause an enormous amount of damage by travelling on wet and unstable trails and roads. Restricting the time of year travel is allowed on FS 501 [in Spring when wet] may be more effective in preventing erosion and may in fact reduce the overall amount of vehicular traffic in remote areas.

That being said I understand from other sources that there are overall an additional 34 miles of roads/trails for off road use [and only 12 withdrawn] proposed in SNF. The disturbance to wildlife by noise, collisions, and habitat loss created by any motorized vehicle in this remarkable wilderness should be restricted as much as possible. It is contiguous with the largest roadless tract in the lower 48 and should reflect that unique fact. Thank you for keeping my views in mind as you craft new regulations. Future generations will thank you.
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