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The proposals that are on the table for the summer use motorized plan offer very little changes. They offer very little new opportunities, nor do they make our situation any better by offering solutions to any of the problems that already exist.

The proposals are not solutions and only emphasize more problems. If you give the public more there will be less renegading of rogue trails and there will also be more compliance for the rules and routes that exist. There are so many routes out there that have been closed down over the past 10 years whether they were part of the inventory or not they were legit routes used by the general public for access to their lands. With almost 90% of the Shoshone National Forest closed already to non-motorized travel is it imperative that we keep all of the remaining 10% open and available for motorized access and public access use.

A few examples of these are multiple routes in the Wayne's Holes area up the East fork and also Indian Point to Double Cabins trail that was adopted only to be shut down a year later. I realize that the second example what terminated due to an elk calving ground but the legitimacy to this is questionable and also why couldn't the route be opened after the calving season is over like they have done in the Gros Venture Area near Jackson?

There are so many other loop opportunities that exist that have been identified that are being ignored. More time needs to be spent on this issue with some real opportunism being realized for the atv users. ATV's or ORV's offer the most viable means of access to the National Forests for those that are physically impaired or handicapped and they shouldn't be excluded.

I do believe that the rules on the width restrictions should be changed to the 65" wide but only if its adopted for all trails and routes.

As I write this letter and I see the national forest burning up west of town it reminds me that we need more logging, more roads and more active management. The notion that fire is good only holds so much water as I have seen firsthand the devastation and the costs it can incur. When these fires are burning now it seems they are burning so hot they are sterilizing the earth so no reforestation occurs. This is another reason we need to have as many possible routes and accesses available.

Let's not forget what these lands were set aside for and that is for the multiple uses by the people. Please keep these lands open for all to enjoy and not just a select few.

Thanks for your consideration

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