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Dear Sirs:

I understand that you are trying to reduce the impact on the ecology of this area by restricting travel to lighter, smaller vehicles. I hope that you understand that these 4X4s travel faster and have more narrow wheels. They also require more numerous trips through the area, as they cannot transport as much equipment. I feel that this would actually cause MORE damage to the area. Perhaps a better solution would be to restrict (entirely close) the area during the spring run-off.

I have hunted with Bear Basin Adventures, and I know that they are sensitive to the potential for damage by travel through this area. I believe that this restriction would reduce their business, as the hunt in this area would be much less appealing, and probably would be more expensive, due to the requirement for more drivers, and more trips through the area. If they have less business, this would affect businesses in Dubois and surrounding communities due to the decrease in hunters.

I would urge you to consider alternate conservative measures to deal with this problem. I wish to preserve the area as much as possible, as it is so beautiful. The experience of hunting in this area is amazing, and I would want as many people as possible to experience it like I have. Restricting vehicles in this fashion will significantly interfere with the enjoyment of this area, and the number of people that would be willing to go there. I fully believe that there are other options, as mentioned above, that will have a greater impact on conservation than what you have proposed.

Thank you for considering these proposals.

Sincerely,

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