

Wapiti Ranger District

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Shoshone National Forest
Attn: Mr. Rob Robertson
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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concerns for the future of the Shoshone National Forest, the HORSE forest, America's first national forest. I have been able to spend many days enjoying the remote unspoiled treasures of the Shoshone National Forest. I have two sons who also have enjoyed many days and nights on this great forest. Now, I have two young grandsons who are also starting to spend time in this great american treasure. My hope is the Shoshone National Forest will remain the quiet back-country forest it is today so many future generations can experience the remoteness of this great American National Forest. There has been a rapid change in many forests across our great country, motorized recreation has been taking over many of our forests resulting in the degradation of the quiet remote characteristics of these forests. The Shoshone National forest is still mostly quiet and remote and hopefully can remain that way for future generation to enjoy.

NZ-01 Line Creek If this area is going to be opened to motorized use strict seasonal restrictions need to be used to protect the migration routes in this area. Seasonal restrictions also need to protect this area during the elk calving season.

NZ-12 Guinn Creek This road should not be extended. This area is used extensively by wildlife. It is also a great place for area bow hunters. If the area is opened to motorized recreation most of the wildlife leave the area resulting in less wildlife and less opportunity for area hunters.

NZ-14 and NZ-15 Gooseberry/Grass Creek This area should not be opened to more motorized recreation. It is important wildlife habitat and an important hunting area. Opening this area to more motorized recreation would also result in more illegal use of surrounding ridges and valleys that now provide secure habitat for the areas wildlife.

NZ-23 Sulphur Creek I support the closure of this road at the private property line. This is needed to prevent the illegal ATV advancement to Copper Lakes.

NZ-43 Phelps Mountain This road should have been closed after the test well was capped, but that hasn't happened. We at least need to control the time it can be used to protect the sensitive wildlife that use this area. The surrounding slopes are used heavily in the late summer as food source for the endangered Grizzly Bear. This road should be closed while these moth sites are occupied by the Grizzly Bear. The Phelps Mountain road should be closed until the middle of August.

I would hope none of the new proposed routes would be opened until the illegal ATV use has been stopped.

Thank you for considering my comments on the future of the Shoshone National Forest. I hope many future generations can enjoy this national forest as I have. It is important to strive to preserve the special remoteness of the Shoshone National Forest for our children and grandchildren.

Bruce Fauskee

