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I am a land owner in Sunlight Basin so it was with great interest that I read the Shoshone Nation Forest Travel Management Plan.

It is obvious that a great deal of thought and effort was put in to developing this plan.

I did have difficulty locating some specific information such as how many miles of illegal roads have been created over the years in the Shoshone. Perhaps those statistics were in the report and I simply was unable to locate the statistics.

My most significant concern is the amount of roads being created in the preferred alternative. Roads may always be created, but it is difficult to effectively obliterate roads.

I would prefer to see a gradual increase in the number of roads, **IF** certain conditions were met. For example, each year for 5 years there could be 20% of the desired number of roads built, **if** conditions were met. Those conditions would include yearly monitoring of the existing road system to document user adherence to guidelines. If users were creating unauthorized cutoffs or new roads, then there would be no more new roads allowed. Another guideline that would need to be met for the creation of new roads would be a yearly decrease in citations for off-road vehicle use. This would assume additional enforcement capability to monitor and issue any necessary citations.

I also have concerns about the concept of dispersed camping areas. I understand the stated goal but have concerns that the entire dispersed camping area would effectively become a sacrifice area for unrestricted camping.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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