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As a game warden and wildlife manager in the Meeteetse area for 17 years I have seen the disturbance to wildlife and technology in OHV's increase dramatically. The high price being paid for elk antlers and interest in gathering them increases each year. It used to be 4 wheelers could not access areas like Phelps Mountain because of snow drifts. I have now seen 4 wheelers equipped with tracks and other track vehicles accessing these areas in pursuit of elk antlers needlessly disturbing elk at this critical time of year. I have also seen packs of BMX motorcycles now in these alpine areas preventing uses of this high quality habitat by wildlife in the summer. I would also support the seasonal closure of the Phelps Mountain road above the Jack Creek turn off from 8/1 - 9/15 to further protect the grizzly moth site on Francs peak.

I really do not see the need for ate loop roads in the Gooseberry area but will not fight against them at this time. I don't see the need to encourage more people in vehicle to disturb this fairly quiet portion of the forest at this time.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

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