



Shoshone National Forest
Attn: Acting Forest Supervisor
808 Meadow Lane Avenue
Cody, WY 82414

RE: Revised Proposed Action – Shoshone NF Travel Management Plan

Dear Acting Supervisor:

I'm writing on behalf of Advocates for Multi-Use of Public Lands (AMPL) regarding the Shoshone National Forest Service travel management plan's Revised Proposed Action. AMPL is a Non-Profit organization based in Jackson, Wyoming made up of passionate recreationists. One of our primary focuses is to maintain and protect broad access to our public lands for motorized as well as non-motorized recreational uses.

AMPL has reviewed and fully agrees with and supports the Wyoming State Snowmobile Associations written comments related to this action. We are strongly opposed to any outcome from this travel planning process which would result in further reductions to access for OSV's including but not limited to "Use Period" Zones which would reduce the time frame in which OSV use is allowed over the course of a winter season in the Shoshone National Forest.

Economic Impact

AMPL urges staff to consider the economic impact to the local communities which rely heavily on winterized tourism to support local communities in and around the Shoshone National Forest. An example of one of these communities is Dubois Wyoming where many people from both in state and out of state travel to during the winter season to enjoy OSV recreation in the Shoshone National Forest.

Improved OSV and OHV technology

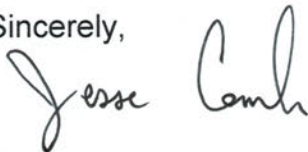
There have been massive improvements in the technology of OSV and OHV equipment over the past 20 years. For example a modern snowmobile has considerably lower emissions than a snowmobile from 20 years ago. However in the last 20 years there has been an inverse relationship between environmental impact of OSV's and the amount of public lands that they are allowed to recreate on. This trend needs to be reversed as it makes no sense to punish the public (by reducing access) for having machines which are far more environmentally safer than machines from the past.

Social Impact

One of the things that we hear from a lot of our supporters is that for many of them they view our public lands and their ability to recreate on them as part of their 401k. They put a high value on the freedom they experience when they are allowed to get out for a weekend with family and friends to enjoy the wonderful outdoors. It seems nonsensical to cut opportunities like this short by reducing the number of days that OSV can occur over what has been the historical norm in this area. Another consideration is that without motorized recreation there are many Americans that would simply be left out due to health or physical impairments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the Revised Proposed Action. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Jesse Combs
President

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