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Shoshone Travel Management Team,

First of all I would like to thank you for allowing the public to comment on the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan.

While I realize that the Shoshone Forest is mainly a “horseman’s forest” I believe that there are other recreational opportunities that should be explored. My children are grown now but they were taught to learn to ride their ATVs on the trails in the Big Horn Mountains since at that time there were no opportunities on the forest that is closer to our home. I think that the Shoshone Forest has the ability to have Youth Opportunities just like the Big Horn Forest does. Take for instance on the North Zone, there is the Pilot Creek area which is a retired gravel pit. Since there is also camping opportunities here and a new bathroom facility this is a great area that the youth can learn to ride. There is also the Ghost Creek gravel pit which proposes the same opportunity for the youth.

From reading the proposed plan, I am concerned about the seasonal road closures that are being proposed. This does not seem right for the people who use these roads to predator hunt, trap or hunt bears in the spring time. This will take away the ability to help manage these animals when it is needed most. Users need to be dispersed as much as possible across the forest on roads that have no resource issues. Having the roads open all at the same time doesn’t seem fair to the public since that would mean that half the summer would be gone before the roads are even open for use.

You are also looking for loop opportunities; this is great and needs to be looked at for the whole forest and not just the south or the north. The public shouldn’t have to travel for hours to a part of the forest that has loop trails when the Shoshone Forest is right in their back yard. One of the areas that we ride in the summer time is the Sunlight area. I believe that some of the roads in that

area are a perfect place for loop trails on the north end of the forest. Currently 85% of the use on the Shoshone Forest is happening on less than 15% of the entire forest.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Shoshone National Forest Travel management plan. I am looking forward to continue to be a good steward of the public lands that are managed by the Shoshone National Forest Staff.

Sincerely,

Bert Miller

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