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Dear Shoshone National Forest Acting Supervisor,

Below are my comments in regards to the Revised Proposed Action for the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan.

First I would like to comment on the proposed dates for Over Snow travel. I believe that the dates you have in your revised proposed action are not appropriate and are not supported by historical SnoTel data and snow depths. I would like to see the beginning as well as the ending dates for over snow use to be pushed out to November 15 through June 15<sup>th</sup> as well the ability to make those dates flexible should there be adequate snow cover. The Shoshone Forest Staff should use current SnoTel data to help with the flexibility of opening and closing dates for over snow travel. The longer snowmobilers are able to be on the snow the better for the Shoshone Forest. This will keep snowmobilers from going horn hunting too early in the season when the roads on lower elevations are still muddy from snow pack run off. It will also help to disperse users across the forest instead of concentrating them into smaller areas.

I am encouraged by the possible addition of the ungroomed but marked "Ghost Creek" trail (NZ-4w). This will greatly help with parking congestion at the junction of Highways 296 and 212. It will allow cabin owners to travel to the trail from their cabins instead of needing to load their sleds into a trailer just to travel a few miles up the road to then unload their sleds so that they can ride. This trail will be a great addition to the existing trail system. Thank you for considering this trail.

I am also in support of no full sized vehicles with tracks being allowed on groomed snowmobile trails. This improves the safety and prevents damage to the groomed trail surfaces. I do support the use of up to 65 inch wide side-by-side vehicles with track kits having the ability to use the groomed snowmobile trails. This allows for handicapped persons to be able to get out in the winter months to enjoy the Shoshone Forest as well as people who aren't handicapped.

Thank you for your time,

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