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Shoshone Travel Management Team,

Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to comment on the Shoshone Travel Management plan. My comments today are in regards to the Summer time.

I am discouraged about the some of the seasonal road closures that you are proposing in your plan. I feel that this will lead to the loss of access to people who hunt predator game all winter long. As well as those people who trap and spring bear hunt. 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.

I am encouraged though to the youth opportunities that you have in your plan. My children are grown now but I am excited for the opportunities that my grandchildren will have. I am disappointed though that this opportunity is only being looked on the south end of the Shoshone Forest. I believe that there are also youth opportunities on the north end. I believe that retired gravel pit areas such as Pilot Creek and the Ghost Creek gravel pit are perfect opportunities for our youth to learn to ride. There are also camping areas adjacent to both of these areas. There is also a new bathroom facility at Pilot Creek that was greatly supported by the snowmobiling community.

You are also looking for loop opportunities. My family does ride the Sunlight area in the summer time and I believe that some of the roads in that area have the opportunity to become loop trails. 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 make comments.

Sincerely,

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