

**From:** Brian Parks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 04, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone  
**Subject:** Shoshone National Forest OSV travel

Dear Acting Supervisor,

I am a concerned outdoor recreationist, hunter, fisherman, hiker, wildlife watcher, cross country skier, snowmobiler, and UTV/ATV rider. The below comments are my opinions only and may not be the opinion of any club members or of the clubs I'm associated with.

I am the current president of the Sweetwater County Snow Pokes Snowmobile/ATV club out of Rock Springs, WY, and a board member of the Top of the Rockies Snowmobile club out of Alpine, WY. My main concerns right now for our clubs and all outdoor motor recreation vehicle users are how the US Forest Service is trying to shut down more roads and to limit times of year when we can use roads that are left open. I have seen numerous trails closed or restricted to vehicle width in the Fisherman Creek area of the upper Hoback in the Bridger-Teton NF. I know many senior citizens who have been forced to give up their outdoor pastimes because of these closures.

Your current draft plan to limit times of year to operate snowmachines in the Shoshone National Forest are unrealistic. I know that Snotel reports have been forwarded to you, and as you notice, we may have some years where riders could ride into June and some years where there isn't any snow at all late in the season. Most riders won't even consider riding on dirt or across brush to get to snow, it will just destroy their expensive machines, they'll wait for next season. All we are asking is to be flexible with opening and closing dates, and please don't use upper and lower elevations. I have only been in the Shoshone National Forest a few times, usually around Togwotee, but I'm concerned this will end up moving towards the Bridger-Teton National Forest and beyond. I would like to have this stopped now.

I usually ride in the Greys River District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. We are proud what has been going on here as far as opening up in the future new ATV trails in the Middle Greys area on old logging roads.

Thank You for your time,

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