

December 10, 2017

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

RE: Shoshone National Forest Travel Management – Revised Proposed Action comments

Dear Acting Supervisor:

I previously submitted comments in July 2016 regarding the Shoshone's original Proposed Action (PA). My comments regarding the Revised PA are as follows:

High Elevation/Low Elevation Boundaries and Dates of Use:

I would like to see the Forest leadership abandon the high elevation/low elevation concept forest-wide and allow for Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) travel for certain time frames (November 15th – June 1st or 15th). In most years, snow levels are greater in the spring due to upslope winds during storm events leading to increased snowfall.

It was stated at the November 27, 2017 Lander public meeting that the Wind River District is coinciding its dates with the neighboring Bridger-Teton NF (B-T) (who Forest Plan has been in place since 1990). Should now be the time for the Shoshone NF to take the lead in date setting and let the B-T follow suit when its Plan revision takes place or amend its current Plan which allowed by following NEPA procedures?

If the Forest decides to use the Low Elevation/ High Elevation concept, my specific recommendation for the Washakie Ranger District would be to make the area north of State Highway 131 (Forest Service Road 300) up to Bruce's Campground "low elevation" and the area south of this "high elevation". Also, a changing of dates of use should occur (November 15th – June 1st or 15th) for the high elevation area.

Thanks for allowing me to comment on the Revised Proposed Action.

Sincerely,

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