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First I want to complement the Forest Personal for their presentation of the management plan.

It is my opinion that any new rule hurts someone just to protect someone else. The season dates for winter mandate is one of these rules of more control, If we must have dates for over snow travel I suggest October 15th thru June 15th with flexibility for extended time due to unexpected snow fall. There seem to considerable data from snotel sites to determine the amount of snow available so that there would be no damage to the landscape.

Another point which is an issue is the width of track allowed. We must consider the possible use by handicap and elderly folks along with emergency personal recovering an injured person. This may also lead to the time of snow coach travel as is done in Yellowstone National Park. These units may not be used on top of the mountain but maybe a cabin owner, etc. just to get in and out of their cabin.

The new trail proposed on the North zone from the Painter store area to the Bear Tooth Highway, at Ghost Creek is an excellent idea. This trail would open up use by cabin owners so that they did not have park at the congested area at the junction of highway 212 and the Chief Joseph highway. This trail could also be used in the summer months taking pressure of the Squaw Road.

I believe in the Forest of multiuse. Therefore more parking areas should be addressed thereby spreading the users out instead of concentration large numbers at a few spots. The use of the Forest must consider the use by handicap and elderly folks by expanding ORV trails, mostly the new side by sides with the 64" wide tracks. This is one of the few opportunities for the for these folks to get out and enjoy the Forest. In this process more loops roads should be added even if they are short loops. I believe there are groups which would consider assisting in the maintenance of new trails and roads.

Thanks for the opportunity to share in the plan management process. Ed Higbie [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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