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**To:** FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone  
**Subject:** Comment to Proposed Changes to the Travel Management Shoshone National Forest

Good morning. My husband and I were in attendance at last night's meeting in Lander regarding the proposed changes to Travel Management plan. Our concerns/comments are specific to the Wind River Ranger District. We are one of the landowners in the inholdings. We utilize the trails both in the summer and winter. First and foremost thank you for the work you do in maintain access to all for all purposes.

In the summer we ride a 4 person side by side. Our side by side allows our 90 year old mother and our youngest grandchildren to see the forest and all its beauty in the safety and comfort of the side by side. I am not sure I understand why you have made WR-27 only usable for 50" or less vehicles. It would seem to make more sense for that to be allowed as a 64" or less thus allowing folks like us to get more 'disable' folks into the back country and in more loops. We would like to see WR-27 to be changed to a 64" route allowing us to take our 4 person side by side with the elder and the very young into that area.

Secondly, our concern with the proposed winter changes have to do with WR-02w and WR-03w. Again we live and love this area. We have traveled the powerline for years and years. As we understand the need for cross country ski trails, we see the need for non-highway trails to move us and our grandkids in to Brooks Lake area. Our grandkids ride and we are always concerned about riding directly adjacent to the highway with them. The powerline trail or WR-03w allows us to get away from the highway. We wish that you would make it a single trail through this area for snow machines while keeping the balance of this area for cross country skiers. It would seem like a good compromise.

The area WR-02w contains the beautiful Brooks Lake Falls. Again this is an area that should be accessible for all to see all year if desired. By making this a cross country ski area only, you are limiting the access to the beauty that we all enjoy and pay for via Tax dollars. We do not believe this should be a special use area at least when it comes to the falls. The balance of the area is fine for special use but not the falls. Again we would like to see a single trail to the falls so we can access it with our 4 person TRACKED side by side or snow machine. Once again we bring our elderly mother in as well as our grandkids.

Please consider these comments as the forest and these areas should be accessible to all ages and all people.

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