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To: FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone
Subject: changes to plan

Dear Shoshone Forest Personnel:

We would like to comment on some issues on the SNF travel management plan.

We feel season dates for snowmobiling are set with the Snotel data available and October 15th to June 15th are good dates and should remain the same.

We are in favor of the proposed new, un-groomed trail from Painter Store to Ghost Creek, eliminating the need for trailering to the junction for many cabin owners. This makes sense!

We must continue to provide as much youth activity on the SNF as possible for recreation and hunting. Youth are our future and we need to get them and keep them interested in the outdoors! We would encourage some specific riding areas for youth without drivers licenses so they can become knowledgeable and skilled in riding snowmobiles in winter. Perhaps Pilot Creek with the new permanent toilet facility paid for by snowmobilers and Ghost Creek gravel pits.

We would like to see SNF consider more looping of trails for snowmobiling. Because it is a growing sport bringing in more revenue than ever for Wyoming, we would encourage adding even more trail opportunities. SNF should not fall behind in providing opportunity compared to other forests.

In regard to seasonal closures, lumping all dates together does not make sense. and does not address each need.

1. Predator management will be jeopardized at a critical time if you limit access to predator hunting, trapping, and lion hunting and spring bear hunting.
2. SNF needs to keep roads open that have no resource issues.
3. Closures should not limit over the snow use of open roads when the majority of the forest is now closed to off trail riding.

We realize you are trying to limit full size vehicles from using the trails meant for 4-wheelers and side by sides , but the size you have set will limit the use of adding tracks to many ATV's which are crucial for some cabin owners in getting to their properties. Also included would hunters and the disabled.

We realize this is a "big job" and "undertaking" for the SNF, but it is also an opportunity to improve and change the system for public use, keep our youth in the outdoors, and at the same time protect the forest.

Sincerely,
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