

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Planning Staff,

I would like to comment on the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan. I have been riding snowmobiles in this area for about 15 years. My family and I recently went up to the higher elevations over Thanksgiving weekend. We love to take the kids into the back county and show them that they can unplug from the world today. I would like to address the proposed dates in the "High Elevation" zones of which you are recommending November 15th to May 15th. I feel that management dates are not needed in this area. Trails shows that the cooperative partnerships have worked with the management of this riding area. If the Shoshone Forest feels dates are needed they need to be flexible. Dates should have a range from November 1st to June 1st with the flexibility for extension of the snowmobile season. Last year and this year are good examples. With extremely early snow and late snow there were wonderful riding opportunities.

I would also like to support the prohibiting for the full-sized motor vehicles with tracks from using groomed trails. I feel this is an unsafe combination with the width of the trails. I have not had any troubles with UTV's so far and do support those vehicles with tracks.

Thank you for allowing public comments. Enjoying our outdoors is so important to our families and communities.

Sincerely,

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