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Dear Shoshone National Forest Acting Supervisor,

I have some comment on the opening and closing dates for snowmachining.

I would like to see the beginning as well as the ending dates for snow use be pushed out to November 15th-June 15th as well as the ability to make those dates flexible should there be adequate snow cover. The Shoshone Forest staff should use current Snotel data to help with flexibility of opening and closing dates for over snow travel. The longer snowmobilers are able to be on the snow better for the Shoshone forest.

I am encouraged by the addition of the ungroomed but marked "Ghost Creek" trail(NZ-4w). This will greatly help greatly with parking congestion at junction of Highways 296 and 212. It will allow cabin owners to travel from their cabins instead of needing to load sleds into a trailer just to travel a few miles up the road to unload to ride. This trail would be great addition to the existing system. Thank you for considering this trail.

We are in support of no full size vehicles with tracks being allowed to groom snowmobile trails. This improves the safety and prevents damage to groomed trail surfaces. We do support the use of up to 65 inch wide side-by-side vehicles with track kits having the ability to use groomed snowmobile trails. This allows for handicapped persons to be able to get out in the winter months to enjoy the Shoshone Forest as well as people who aren't handicapped.

Thank you!
Mike & Karla Kelly