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**To:** FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone  
**Subject:** Winter travel management sub part c wind river RD

I am commenting on your proposed winter travel management plan, specifically sub part C dealing with the wind river ranger district. I am ardently opposed to the closure of these areas. The areas you are closing I have ridden snowmobiles for years and hold special meaning as some of the people i rode with are now gone. We riders spend our winters in the back country and this area is a mecca for riders who drive long distances to ride. Part of the charm is not having a crowded back country to ride. The areas that you are closing affect the locals the most as we try to find the areas that the out of staters hammer. Closing these areas will just condense our riding area and possibly cause damage due to overuse of that section of forest. Leave our areas open to us. Let us enjoy our forest year round. Stop taking away from the public and the riders who contribute to dubois year round and not just the summer tourists who just drive by on their way to Yellowstone. Sadly I cannot attend the meeting in Lander to further voice my frustration at this as I work nights in the Riverton ER, but will try to pass this along to other like minded individuals who can be there. Thank you for reading this and I hope that you will weigh my local opinion heavier than a mass email from a distant club.

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