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To: FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone
Subject: Comments on proposed Changes to the Travel Management Shoshone National Forest

Good Evening: My wife and I attended your meeting in Lander on the proposed changes to the travel management Shoshone national forest. Our comments are specific to the Wind River Ranger District. With regards the trail WR-27 that is only for 50" or less vehicles I do not understand the making of a whole new trail and only limiting it to 50" or less vehicles. I think that a standardization of all the trails to be 64" or less would make more sense. We use all these trails and our rZR 4 side by side is 60" wide and we so enjoy being able to take my 90 year old mother and our grandchildren on these trails. Opening up a new trail to WR-27 would be very nice if it was for 64" or less vehicles so other age groups could use them. It would help us and other people to get more disabled people and the younger generation to enjoy our great forests. We would like to see WR-27 made into a 64" inch trail for all ages to be able to use.

Secondly, we are concerned to the proposed WR-02w and WR-03w area being completely closed to snowmobiles. The power line trail that runs up to Brooks lake road is a safer way to get people up to that road. We would like to see this trail left open as a stay on trail for snowmobiles only. No deviation from this trail would be allowed thus keeping the rest of this area and this trail to cross country skiers. That way it would not bother the cross country skiers, and yet make a great trail to get to the Brooks lake area, instead of along the highway. This would make a great compromise. The Wr-02w contains the beautiful Brooks Lake Falls. 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 people can access it with tracked rZRs or snow machines. We have a wonderful play ground in the national forests that we all enjoy and we thank you for your stewardship. Remember tax dollars from everyone help to keep these forests accessible for multi-use. Please consider our comments as the forests should be accessible for all ages of people.

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