

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management team,

I would like to comment on the proposed additional and modified seasonal closures. First, I think it is an attempt to simplify the process of opening gates, at the expense of public access. I do not think it is right or sound management of our public lands. The closures will only concentrate use on the few remaining open roads, both on the Forest, and BLM. It severely limits access to hunt predators in the winter, and to trap those animals. Our elk and deer need folks to manage those predators, we already have the lowest fawn and calf survival in the state. These closures would only contribute to that. We also use most of those roads to access the forest to spring bear hunt, and to lion hunt.

Having the same dates for all roads on the forest does not make sense. Some of those roads have no snow all winter. Some of them have no snow May 1st, but do not open until June 16th, the day after spring bear season closes. These roads need to be managed road by road, not with blanket seasonal dates.

Thank you for your consideration,

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