

To the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Team,

I would like to comment on the proposed width restriction for tracked vehicles on the forest. I realize that this proposal was to limit full sized vehicles from using snowmobile trails, and forest roads, due to safety and maintenance issues. I do not believe it was the intention to limit SXS vehicles in this proposal. However the 65" restriction would in fact do that. When tracks are added to a 60" unit, it becomes approximately 68" wide. A 65" SXS with tracks installed becomes 72" wide. There are many cabin owners, and hunters who have made the financial commitment to purchase these vehicles with tracks, and they use them to access the forest. You would be taking this access away from them. There are also disabled folks who this is their only way to have winter access to the SNF. The average age of people using the forest is increasing as well, and this is a viable way for them to continue to recreate, after they have given up snowmobiles. I think you need to adjust the width and use weight as a factor, when evaluating this proposal.

Thank you,

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