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To: FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone
Subject: Shoshone National Forest Winter Travel Management Plan

Dear Forest Service,

I would like to give my input on a couple of issues that are up for consideration.

- 1. Possible reduction to the amount of public land that is currently available for snowmobiling.** First of all in Teton county our public land that we CAN snowmobile on is so limited that any reduction to this would be devastating for the snowmobile community. Since the areas are so limited as it is every area is getting more and more traffic. If we limit these areas the few that are open after that will be so crowded the snowmobile community will begin to decline or go elsewhere. Teton county will not be known for the people traveling to the area because there will always be to many people for it to be any fun. Snowmobiles still can get out and away from people right now, it might be difficult, but it still can be done, but with a reduction to public land this will begin to get impossible.
- 2. Making all land in the Shoshone National Forest off limits to snowmobile use after April 15th of each year regardless of the snow levels.** Teton County usually has plenty of snow for snow sports after April 15th and I would understand if land was being damaged due to low snow years but if there is snow let people use it. Spring is one of the best times of the year to get out and ride due to the nice weather. Its a great off season attraction for people, especially because the ski resort is closed by this time. To be honest the amount of snowmobiles during this time is way less than in January-March and it is mostly local people. Please don't take away a great activity for locals to get out and enjoy the forest.

Thank you,

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