

From: Tim Metzler [REDACTED]
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To: FS-travel-comments-rocky-mountain-shoshone
Subject: Travel management comments

My name is Tim Metzler. I am concerned about seasonal closure dates for over the snow recreation. I am an avid snowmobiler and outdoor recreationist. I don't understand how dates can be set for seasons that are subject to unpredictable weather. I have been spending time in the SNF my entire life of 57 years. I have seen adequate snow levels for recreation as early as September and as late in the season as July with no negative impacts to the environment or wildlife. Telling snowmobilers they cannot ride their machines when there is ample snow is like telling a backcountry skier they have to wait for a certain date to ski down a hill or telling children they can't slide down a hill on a toboggan because of a seasonal restriction. We don't run boats without water and we don't ride snowmobiles without snow -"common sense!" When I am riding early and late in our snowmobiling season I have never seen forest officials observing the areas to be closed. The beauty and enjoyment of the forest is very great year round. It would be a great loss if even more access was lost or limited for any reason much less some government officials agenda.

[REDACTED] I have great appreciation for our wilderness, wildlife, environment, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Please don't restrict our access any more. We seem to have a very workable recreational balance as is.

Thank you very much and have a great day, Timothy D Metzler.