

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management
Request for Public Input

Ranger District: Wind River Ranger District

Current Proposals

1. Which proposal are you commenting on (WR-1, WR-2, etc.)?

- 1- BACHELOR CREEK
- 2- RODEO GROUNDS TO SALT BARREL PARK TRAIL
- 3- PROPOSED GENERAL ATV TRAIL GUIDELINES.

2. Provide comments below on the proposal:

Please be specific and provide rationale for your position. In other words what do you see as the merits or concerns about the proposal.

- 1- BACHELOR CREEK. A FEW YEARS AGO THIS WAS A HORSE/HIKING TRAIL. DURING THE RARE, 1 AND 2 ERA, THE BACHELOR CREEK TRAIL WAS CHAIN SAW CLEARED BY A FEW ATV USERS IN ORDER TO "PROVE" THAT IT WAS AN APPROVED MOTORIZED TRAIL. PART OF THE BACHELOR CREEK TRAIL CROSSES WET MEADOWS AND ERODED AREAS. THE FOREST SERVICE NEEDS TO CHECK ITS RECORDS OF THIS TRAIL. WAS IT EVER AUTHORIZED AND PART OF THE DISTRICT TRAIL SYSTEM?
- 2- RODEO GROUNDS TO SALT BARREL PARK TRAIL. THIS PROPOSED TRAIL HAS PROPERTY OWNERSHIP ISSUES. ALSO, IT WOULD TRANSECT WGFD LAND WHICH IS SET-ASIDE FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT, NOT MOTORIZED RECREATION. MAINLY, THIS PROPOSED TRAIL WOULD DUPLICATE THE SALT BARREL PARK TRAIL ACCESS TO MOON LAKE AND UNION PASS.

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3- PROPOSED GENERAL A.T.V. TRAIL GUIDELINES.

- A) CLEARLY, THE HUNTERS IN THE AUDIENCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 24 FOREST SERVICE MEETING WERE NOT THE SAME HUNTERS WHO ATTENDED THE PAST TWO YEARS OF WYO. GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT LISTENING MEETINGS. AT THESE WGFD MEETINGS, THE MAJORITY OF DUBOIS HUNTERS WERE ALARMED AT A.T.V. USE AND ABUSE DURING HUNTING SEASONS. THESE HUNTERS WANTED ENFORCEMENT OF FOREST SERVICE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULES.
- B) THE FOREST SERVICE NEEDS TO MEET WITH DUBOIS OUTFITTERS. THESE OUTFITTERS WERE ABSENT DURING THE SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING, PROBABLY DUE TO HUNTING SEASONS.
- C) MANY HUNTERS COMPLAIN ABOUT HIKING TO THEIR FAVORITE HUNTING PLACE WELL BEFORE DAYLIGHT ONLY TO HAVE A.T.V.'S LOUDLY DRIVE THROUGH THEIR CHOSEN PLACE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE LEGAL SHOOTING LIGHT. SOME A.T.V. TRAILS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY.
- D) SIGNING. A.T.V. TRAILS, BOTH THOSE OPEN AND THOSE CLOSED, MUST BE CLEARLY

SIGNED. TRAILS NOT SIGNED 'OPEN' SHOULD BE CONSIDERED 'CLOSED' BY A.T.V. USERS.

E) A.T.V. GROUP SIZE LIMITS. RECENTLY I HAD THE UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE ON THE S.N.F. OF BEING PASSED BY A LONG LINE OF 17 A.T.V.S AND 1 MOTOR-CYCLE. ONE OF THE A.T.V.S WAS PLAYING HIP-HOP MUSIC ON A 'BOOM-BOX' AT FULL VOLUME. THE OBNOXIOUS GROUP RUINED MY PUBLIC LANDS EXPERIENCE. IN SMALL GROUPS, I CAN BETTER TOLERATE A.T.V. USERS.

F) ENFORCEMENT. A.T.V.S NEED A LARGE-LETTERED LICENSE PLATE IN ORDER THAT THOSE OPERATORS WHO FLAUNT F.S. RULES CAN BE IDENTIFIED. AUTOMATIC CONFISCATION OR IMPOUNDMENT OF A.T.V.S SHOULD BE USED BY THE FOREST SERVICE. IF THE FOREST SERVICE CANNOT ENFORCE A.T.V. TRAIL RULES, THEN A.T.V. TRAILS SHOULD BE CLOSED TO A MANAGEABLE LEVEL.

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New Proposals

1. What is the proposal? (loop; route; closures; restrictions) , etc.)

Clearly and concisely state the Proposal. Include as much detail as possible.

2. Where is the proposal located?

Give general description of project location (example: 5 miles SW of Cody, WY) as well as UTM coordinates, Township/Range/Sec, or Lat/Long if you have that information.

3. Why is your proposal desired or needed?