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Dear Mr. Alexander;

Following are comments and observations on the Shoshone Forest Travel Plan from the Wind River chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of America.

We are in support of your statement in the July issue of The Traveler as follows ,
" With all that being said, the Shoshone National Forest will remain a back country forest. The wild and untamed character of the Shoshone will prevail".

From all reports, I am hearing good things about existing motorized travel management in the north portion of the Shoshone. Road and trail signage is in place, roads and trails are being maintained, motorized travel rules and regulations are being enforced and very little off road illegal motorized travel.

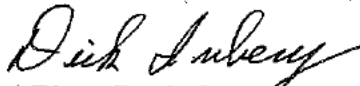
That being said, the south portion of the forest, Washakie and Wind River, do not have the same standards for motorized travel. Roads and trails are being poorly maintained, signage and barriers for both open and closed roads are in poor shape or non-existent, illegal cross country travel is rampant with little, or no, law enforcement.

In the Travel Management- Wind River District motorized proposals, I find frequent justification for a new motorized trail by using a "user created route". User created routes are illegal and should not be used as criteria for new roads or trails.

I often hear the parroted phrase from forest personnel " creating a looped motorized system will cut down on illegal off road travel". I fail to see how increasing access to more non-motorized lands will diminish violations.

As a solution to the current motorized travel mess in the Washakie and Wind River districts, stop any further expansion of roads or trails until you " get a handle on the situation". Start by enforcing the current motor vehicle use map, maintaining the existing roads and trails and installing proper signage and barriers .

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to the Shoshone as a wild forest.


Wind River Back Country Horsemen

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Rick Metzger- Wind River District
Steve Schacht-Washakie District

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Request for Public Input

Ranger District: Wind River Ranger District

Current Proposals

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

WR-1 EXTENSION OF ROAD 622

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.

*ROAD 622 UNDER PROTEST FOR CLOSURE.
AREA HAS ADEQUATE ACCESS FROM ROADS
532 AND 538. LIMITED ACCESS (MOTORIZED) BENEFITS
THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE SCENIC TRAIL AND DUDE
RANCHES OPERATING IN THE AREA. NO TO PROPOSAL WR-1*

*WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
Dick Aubrey*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-2 CONNECTING ROAD 556 AND 285-4A

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.

*MUTE PROPOSAL AS ROAD IS WITHIN FOREST
PLAN ROADLESS AREA. NO TO PROPOSAL WR-2*

*WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
Dick & Mary*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-3

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.

*PROPOSED ROUTE WR-3 MAINLY IN DESIGNATED
ROADLESS AREA. PROPOSED ROAD/TRAIL IS OVER
TRAIL CREATED BY ILLEGAL USE AND NOT PART OF
THE FOREST TRAIL SYSTEM. NO TO PROPOSAL WR-3*

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Dick Ambeg

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Current Proposals

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

WR-4

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.

*NEW ROADS NOT NEEDED, ACCESS TO AREA PROVIDED
BY ROAD 532. EXISTING ROADS ARE NOW MARKED
CLOSED. EXISTING, CONNECTING TRAIL IS IN BAD REPAIR
AND PROPOSED FOR SEASONAL CLOSURE. NO TO PROPOSAL
W.R.4*

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Dick Imberg*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-5

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.

ROAD IS A DEAD-END ROAD (605) PROVIDING
ACCESS TO OFF ROAD ILLEGAL TRAVEL AND
RESOURCE DAMAGE. ROAD IS NOW GATED AND
NOT PART OF THE TRAVEL SYSTEM.
NO TO WR-5

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Dick Anley

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Current Proposals

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

WR-6

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.

WR-6 WOULD GO NOWHERE WITH
REMOVAL OF ROAD UNDER PROPOSAL WR-17
NO TO PROPOSAL WR-6

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Dick Aubrey

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Current Proposals

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

WR-9

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.

*PROPOSED WR-9 OVERLAPS TRAIL AND AREA OF
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE SCENIC TRAIL (HIKING AND HORSEBACK)*

*PROPOSED ~~TRAIL~~ ROAD IS IN FOREST PLAN ROADLESS
AREA. NO TO PROPOSAL WR-9*

*WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
Dick Inberg*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-10

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.

WR-10 PROPOSES A CONNECTING ROAD FROM
533 TO 534, A NEW TWO MILE ROAD IN AN
ALREADY IMPACTED AREA IS NOT IN KEEPING
WITH A "WILD SHOSHONE". NO TO PROPOSAL WR-10

WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEWOMEN

Dick Aubrey

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Current Proposals

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

PROPOSAL WR-11

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.

*PROPOSED WR-11 CROSSES FOREST PLAN ROADLESS
AREA. THIS IS A USER CREATED MOTORIZED TRAIL (ILLEGAL)
AND NOT PART OF THE TRAIL/ROAD SYSTEM.*

NO TO PROPOSAL WR-11

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Dick Imberg*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-12

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.

NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOT JUSTIFIED DUE TO
ROAD/TRAIL DENSITY IN THE AREA. SOME AREA ROADS
ARE PROPOSED FOR CLOSURE. NO TO PROPOSAL WR-12

WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
Dirk Lueg

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Current Proposals

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

WR-13 CONNECTING FS-529 & FS 528-20

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.

*NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOT JUSTIFIED WITH
EXISTING TERRAIN AND WATER CROSSINGS. EXISTING
ROADS/TRAILS PROVIDE AREA ACCESS
NO TO PROPOSAL WR-13. USER CREATED ROUTE IN
THE AREA IS ILLEGAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
FOR EXPANSION.*

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Dick Inberg*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-15

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.

AGREE WITH PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

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Current Proposals

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

WR-16

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.

AGREE TO PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE.

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Dick Amburg*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-25 - RAMSHORN AREA

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.

*SUPPORT SEASONAL CLOSURE. ALSO SOME
PERMANENT CLOSURES. ^{YES} ~~NO~~ TO PROPOSAL WR-25*

*WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
Dick Lubeck*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-26 - PART OF ROAD 501

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.

*SUPPORT CONVERSION FROM ROAD TO
MOTORIZED TRAIL. CONVERSION SHOULD BE
TOTAL ROAD FROM INTERSECTION WITH ROAD
503 NORTH TO TRAILHEAD*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-27, WR-12, WR-14

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.

*EXISTING POOR ROAD CONDITIONS AND LACK OF MAINTENANCE
ON EXISTING ROADS, ALONG WITH ILLEGAL OFF ROAD USE,
DOES NOT JUSTIFY FURTHER ROAD CONSTRUCTION
IN THIS AREA*

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Dick Aubrey*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-28

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.

WR-28 LOCATED ACROSS DESIGNATED ROADLESS
AREA AND WOULD REQUIRE NEW CONSTRUCTION.
NOT JUSTIFIED FOR AREA ACCESS.

NO TO PROPOSAL WR-28

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Current Proposals

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

WR-30

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.

PROPOSED WR-30.15 IN DESIGNATED
ROADLESS AREA. USER CREATED ROUTE IS
ILLEGAL. NO TO PROPOSAL W.R-30

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Current Proposals

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

WR-33

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.

*PROPOSED WR-33 WOULD PARALLEL AND BE
LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM FS 513. NO
REASON FOR THAT MUCH ROAD/TRAIL DENSITY.
NO TO PROPOSAL WR-33*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-31

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.

*AREA HAS ADEQUATE ACCESS FROM EXISTING
ROAD 515. INCREASED MOTORIZED TRAFFIC IS
NOT COMPATATIBLE WITH PINNACLE HEIGHTS
SUMMER HOMES. NO TO PROPOSAL WR. 31.*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-34 A AND WR-34 B

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.

*PROPOSED NEW ROUTES NOT NEEDED AS
ACCESS TO THE AREA IS SUFFICIENT. WITH
EXISTING ROAD/TRAIL 544*

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Current Proposals

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

WR-36

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.

*EXISTING ROAD/TRAIL AND USER CREATED
ROUTES ARE ILLEGAL FOR MOTORIZED TRAVEL AND
SHOULD REMAIN AS A NON-MOTORIZED AREA.*

*WIND RIVER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
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