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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.)?

WR 1 THROUGH WR 12

WR 13 THROUGH WR 29

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 1 through WR 12: All 12 of these proposals make sense. All of these proposed trails are on existing roads. Many of these roads should never have been closed to motorized travel.

WR 1: Parking area at Sheridan Creek snowmobile oval to Sheridan Basin. Is located on existing closed road. This road is a maintained snowmobile trail and in the past an ATV trail. This is a great loop trail.

WR 2: Double Cabin to Indian Point was an ORV route in the 1990's. This area was classified as 3.3B in the current Shoshone National Forest Draft Plan. The 3.3B is non-motorized summer and motorized winter which does not make sense. This area is closed in the winter use because of the winter feed ground. By including this area in the 3.3B classification it extends the wilderness boundary to no motorized use anytime. The Shoshone National Forest is already mostly wilderness. The Draft plan needs to be amended to change this classification in this area.

WR 3: Salt Barrels Park / Windy Mountain/ Little Warm Spring Road. This area is on an existing road used to access electronic site on Windy Mountain and ¾ of a mile unofficial ATV Trail tying in to the Moon Lake ATV Trail. USFS road 524 to tie into USFS 283. This proposal would make a great loop from the town of Dubois.

WR 4: No Man's Road to Camp Creek Trail. Old logging road, mostly on groomed snowmobile trail. Could hit Camp Creek Trail at Big Rock or come in near top of ridge on snowmobile trail. USFS road No. 732 to ATV Trail No. MT11. Connecting this loop again to already existing road is important and would connect the Union Pass homes and recreationalist to the Sheridan Creek area.

WR 25: Seasonal Closure of the Horse Creek area April 1 to July 1. WR 29: Seasonal Closure of Long Creek area April 1 to July 1. These seasonal closures for that length of time does not make sense. Other areas open up May 15, 2015. Both these areas dry up from winter moisture by June 1. A shorter time proposal makes more sense and would not impact the wildlife or the ground conditions.

WR 26: Converting the Bear Basin road to an ATV Trail: This effects many recreationalist. There are already a limited number of motorized places hunters can go in this area. This road should be kept a road. The only one that would benefit from this conversion would be the outfitter that guides hunts out of Bear Basin. The Forest is for everyone not just certain user groups. This is a bad idea.

WR 18, WR 19 are accesses from private land that connects to forest service roads. This is not right to close land owners off from accessing public land. By closing these accesses the forest service is asking those land owners to illegally create their own roads and trails. This set a terrible precedence and image for the forest.

Dubois depends on the federal land surrounding the community for a large part of the economy. By increasing and improving our motorized trail system on the national forest the tourist economy of our community will improve. We are recommending increasing the width restriction currently on trails to accommodate the Side by Side ORV's. This increase has been done in other National Forest systems in Wyoming. We are opposed to any reduction of summer or winter motorized use. By providing more motorized trail opportunities the "user created trails" will reduce.