

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management
Request for Public Input
Comment Form

Ranger District: Wind River

Comments on Current Proposals

1. Which proposal are you commenting on?

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2. Provide comments below on the proposal: (continue on back if needed)

Please be specific and provide rationale for your position. In other words why do you like or dislike about the proposal.

I can't support this proposal. This route has been closed for a long time and the reasons for its closure are just as valid today as they were when closures were established at the Wolf Creek Trailhead (end of FSR 513) and off the East Fork of Long Creek road (FSR 513.2H). Really, another motorized trail loop in this area of Long Creek? I am already supporting 4 loops in this area that would allow an ATV rider travel from the East Fork of Long Creek thru the Middle Fork of Long Creek into the West Fork of Long Creek and back. I believe this is more than enough loop trails in this area.

If this proposal is implemented it will further reduce elk secure habitat in this area. Implementing our new forest plan for species of local concern, such as elk by placing emphasis on maintaining secure habitat within current ranges while trying to improve conditions in areas with low or very low secure habitat is important in this area of the Long Creek drainage. This can be partially accomplished by using seasonal closures where necessary in parturition areas to lower open road densities, limit disturbance from motorized use, and provide increased secure habitat during the spring. Apply seasonal restrictions as needed on motorized use of travelways to reduce disturbance in sensitive big game areas, such as birthing areas and winter range. **(SPLC-GUIDE-09)**. If this proposal becomes part of alternative carried forward with all the other proposals in this Long Creek area then it should include seasonal closures on the Long Creek road FSR 513 in front of the culvert for the West Fork of Long Creek and on the West Fork of Long Creek road (FSR 548) from April 1st thru June 30th.

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