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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
WR 37 through WR 43

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 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 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. The seasonal closures are too long. Other areas open open up May 15. Both of 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 affects many recreationalists. There are already a limited number of motorized places hunters can go in this area. This road should be kept a road.

WR 18, WR 19 need to be implemented also that forest service roads can be accessed.

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As far as proposals WR 37 through WR 43 go,
I oppose any closure of any existing open road
on the Shoshone National Forest.

There have already been too many roads
closed. The Shoshone Forest has too much
wilderness and non motorized areas already.

ORV's offer a great form of recreation and
ORV enthusiasts spend a lot of money in the
local economies. The Dubois area depends on the
federal land surrounding the community for a
large part of the economy. By increasing and improving
our motorized trail system on national forest the
tourist economy of our community will improve.
The Town of Dubois has been proactive in realizing the
importance of motorized recreation.

I recommend increasing the width restriction currently
on trails to accomodate the side by side ORV's.

This increase has been done in other National Forest
systems in Wyoming. I oppose any reduction of
summer or winter motorized use. By providing
more motorized trail opportunities the "user
created trails" will reduce.

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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.

SEE BELOW.

3. Why is your proposal desired or needed?

1. Power line road on Hwy 26/287 by WYDOT new building. This trail is on ~~the~~ N side of Hwy is located on power line road. It crosses Brooke Lake road around Little River ton + connects USFS no. 584 off of the Barbours Point Road. This road is currently being used and should be listed as an ORV trail.
2. Connect small section on W Fork of Long Creek loop usps 549 to usps 659.1. Connection trail is there. It just needs to be open
3. E Fork of Long Creek at trailhead gate. The trail would open currently closed roads that extends south by Gap Lake + connects to usps no. 513.2E. All on existing old roads. This is a desirable area for hunting and should be a legal trail. This make a Great Loop.

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4. Enos Creek or Coyote Creek. Propose to open existing gated logging road and create a trail on open good terrain to Fish Lake.
5. Open existing trail from southwest corner of Timberline Ranch private property to locked gate on usfs no. 629. This trail was gated with recent logging project. This only motorized trail across that Timberline Ranch would have to national forest. It is not a good idea to shut private land owners off from accessing public land.

The Shoshone Forest already has too much wilderness area + non motorized areas. ORV's offer a great form of recreation and ORV enthusiasts spend a lot of money into the local economies. The Dubois area depends on the federal land surrounding the community for a large part of the economy. By increasing and improving our motorized trail system on national forest the tourist economy of our community will improve. The town of Dubois has been proactive in realizing the importance of motorized recreation. I recommend 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. I oppose any reduction of summer or winter motorized use.