

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management
Request for Public Input
Comment Form

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Ranger District: NORTH ZONE - WAPITI, CLARKSFORK, GREY BULL

Comments on Current Proposals

1. Which proposal are you commenting on?

NZ-07- SWEETWATER
NZ-08 ELK FORK

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.

TOTALLY DISLIKE THE PROPOSAL FOR CLOSING THIS ROAD!

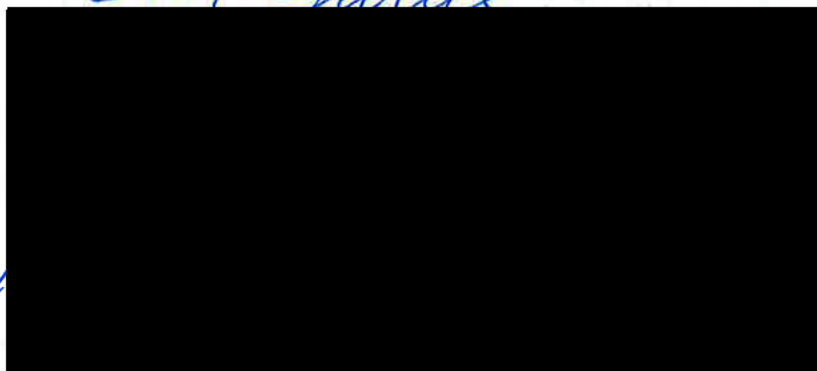
- ① IT IS A MULTI-PURPOSE, WELL USED ROAD, HUNTING, FISHING, SIGHTSEEING FOR ALL PEOPLE DISABLED AND OR NOT. VERY DIVERSE USAGE FOR NOT ONLY VEHICLES, 4-WHEELERS, WALKERS, AND HORSEBACK RIDERS
- ② MAKES AVAILABLE LARGE ENOUGH AREAS FOR BIG HUNTING CAMPS THAT, DUE TO THE NUMBER OF HORSES, SIZE OF THE CAMP, HAY, GRAIN STORAGE, CAN'T OR WON'T FIT IN EITHER THE ELK FORK OR WAPITI CAMPGROUNDS.
- ③ THE FOREST SERVICE HAS TOLD OUR 70 YEAR OLD ESTABLISH HUNTING CAMP THEY DON'T WANT US TO BE IN THOSE CAMPGROUNDS FOR BOTH LACK OF AREA (CAPACITY) CAPABILITY AND THE SAFETY ISSUE OF TAKING A LARGE PACK STRING OF HORSES ACROSS THE HIGHWAY (WAPITI CG).
- ④ THERE IS A FAMILY MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED AT THE EXISTING END OF THE ROAD FOR A LONG TIME HUNTER/CAMPER THAT PASSED AWAY. TO CLOSE THE ROAD WILL MAKE ACCESS ULTIMATELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE FAMILY TO VISIT REGULARLY IF AT ALL. — ELK CAPTURE/COUNT FENCED AREAS.
- ⑤ 2 MILES OF THE ROAD WAS CLOSED MANY YEARS AGO WHICH AT THAT TIME, STOPPED ALL USAGE ACCESS UNLESS ON HORSE BACK

OR BY FOOT,

- ⑥ THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE REASON TO CLOSE THIS VERY WELL USED, BY MANY, ROAD. THERE ARE VERY FEW OF THIS TYPE ROAD IN THE NORTH FORK OF THE SHOSHONE RIVER DRAINAGE, WELL LESS THAN THE QUANTITY IN THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS!
- ⑦ THERE IS VERY LITTLE AMOUNT OF MONIES, IF ANY, FOR MAINTENANCE.

THE SWEETWATER ROAD IS THE SAME OTHER THAN NATURAL WASHOUTS MAY HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION IF NO MAINTENANCE MONIES ARE BUDGETED TO REPAIR IT FOR THE FUTURE USE AS HAS BEEN ~~BE~~ USED HISTORICALLY.

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Travel Management Proposals

Elk Fork & Sweetwater

