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Shoshone National Forest Travel Management
Request for Public Input
Comment Form

Wapiti Ranger District

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Comments on Current Proposals

1. Which proposal are you commenting on?

Aspen Creek - Gooseberry ATV Trail

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.

We own a cabin on Wood River and spend lots of time in Aspen Creek. Aspen Creek is easily accessible on foot or horseback. It is as beautiful as many very isolated wilderness areas but is close to Meeteetsee and Cody.

There are so many parts of Wood River and the Greybull that are already available to ATVs! They can ride all the way to Kirwin, up into Dick Creek, etc. Aspen Creek is one of the few places you can ride for an hour without the sound of engines.

In addition - ranchers want to keep large herds of elk off of their fields - these elk need a quiet and secluded place to go and Aspen Creek is that place.

PLEASE do not put an ATV trail up Aspen Creek! It is accessible as it is. Some places need to remain for hikers and horses without traveling twenty miles. Aspen Creek provides the perfect afternoon ride or walk.

Deborah White,

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As a nearby cabin owner (deeded land, not FS lease) I have hiked or horseback ridden into Aspen Creek approx. 100 Times in the last 25 years. I know the area very well!

Aspen Creek is an amazing mix a habitats that can be reached with only a one hour hike or horse ride.

I travel extensively by horse back deep into the Shoshone Forest Wilderness areas. The solitude of this small roadless area is comparable to being in true backcountry.

Because it is surrounded by private and Roaded areas Aspen Creek is a much used escape area for big game (mostly Elk). Without this area most elk would be pushed onto private land during hunting seasons and the busy ATV Times of summer.

Wood River is a heavy ATV use area and there are many places to ride! They can even ride all the way to Kirwin. An ATV Trail is a terrible idea! Please Keep Aspen Creek as lovely small valley of solitude, hikers and horsemen.

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Daniel B. White,

P.S. I also don't buy the, "locking out seniors"

I'm 65 with a hip replacement and I've walked in
Twice this year. It's an easy walk to a great place.