

From: [Salzmann, Kristie L -FS](#)
To: [Troxel, Olga -FS](#); [Stresser, Susan R -FS](#)
Subject: FW: travel management plan
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 8:09:25 AM

Kristie Salzmann
Public Affairs Officer
Forest Service
Shoshone National Forest
p: 307-578-5232
klsalzmann@fs.fed.us
808 Meadow Lane Avenue
Cody, WY 82414
www.fs.fed.us

Caring for the land and serving people

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Raynolds [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 11:38 AM
To: Salzmann, Kristie L -FS; FS-shoshone forestplan
Subject: travel management plan

(hi—sorry, I meant to attach this note with the copy of the letter I sent to the park County Commissioners, but I hit the SEND button prematurely)

To the SNF planners:

I have forwarded a copy of a letter that I sent to the Park County Commissioners regarding motorized access on the north SNF. I believe we have enough problems with already increasing motorized use of public lands, without creating more roads and trails and loops for that small but noisy constituent of recreationists. Former FS plans did not take into consideration the recent proliferation of new “boy toys” that allow most anybody to ride on steep terrain. Wildlife is already contending with disturbances that didn’t exist fifteen years ago. Enforcement of existing travel management rules is stretched thin. Perhaps it’s only a few scoff-laws, but I hear constant reports of poaching, wildlife harassment in the spring by horn-hunters, damage to wet meadows and stream crossings, vandalism, rudeness, etc, perpetrated by the ATV crowd. Our cabins (not on SNF) were broken into this spring by a horn hunter, who stole household items as well as every single antler. The markings on ATVs are insufficient to clearly identify them on trail cameras. We have a growing problem, and opening new areas to this form of “recreation “ will only stretch resources further and cause more conflict between Forest users.

Please do not give this small minority additional access to the SNF. This is a National Forest, not a Park County forest. It is in the national interest to protect watersheds, migratory bird and other wildlife habitat, unroaded vistas, and other natural values. Few people travel to Wyoming in order to ride ATVs. Most tourists come to drive the existing network of paved and gravelled roads to view the landscapes from their car, or they hike into the backcountry where they hope to get away from pervasive human incursions.

If your mandate includes giving any special attention to the opinions of local residents, then know that many share my perspective. The organized ATV proponents are a loud voice because they are asking for something new in the Travel Management Plan. The silent majority are those who think that current multiple-use access is adequate, and that SNF management has been working pretty well in protecting resources.

Sincerely,

Linda Reynolds, 