

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management

Wapiti Ranger District

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Proposals NZ-26

I oppose opening any new ATV trails in the Kirwin country. The Kirwin country is important to wildlife such as sheep, elk, deer and moose. Increased ATV use would displace wildlife. It would also allow easy illegal access to the high country by Cascade Creek.



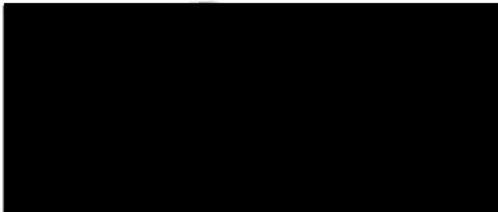
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Proposals NZ-8 Elks Fork Road

Comment:

I oppose closing this road as it has a long traditional use for area elk hunting camps. This important use should be maintained. There has been damage by traffic on this road when the road is wet. Road should be closed during times when damage could occur. It should also be the responsibility of the users to not use the road during wet and muddy conditions.

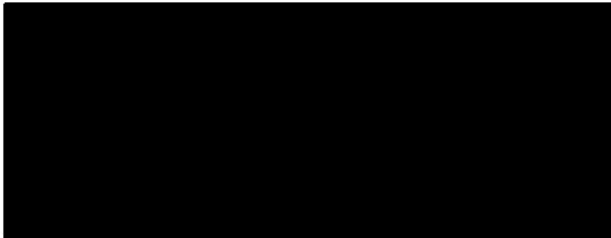


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Proposals NZ-22

I support this seasonally closed gate be moved to the location near the forest boundary. I am surprised the only wild and scenic river in Wyoming has a ATV trail through this corridor. This corridor is important migration route for elk, deer, sheep and even goats. This trail should be closed at the forest boundary.



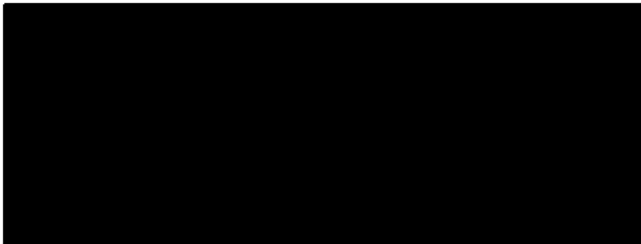
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Proposals NZ-14 and NZ-15

Comment: I oppose these trails being developed. This area is important habitat for elk and other wildlife, the added activity from ATV use would displace much of the area wildlife. These trails also would make it easier for illegal ATV use to spread to the surrounding ridges.

If any of these trails are opened there needs to be a non motorized trail maintained from the trailhead to trail # 650.



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Comments on Current Proposals

1. Which proposal are you commenting on?

NZ-13 ASPEN CREEK TRAIL in Brown Creek

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 am opposed to opening the Aspen Creek Trail to ATV use for the following reasons:

1. The lower portion of this trail passes through a long stretch of wet boggy soils. This area would have a serious erosion problem from ATV use.

2. The Aspen Creek area is critical wildlife habitat used by elk, moose, grizzly bears, mule deer, white tail deer and other wildlife. If ATV use was allowed much of the security the wildlife have in this area would decrease and wildlife numbers would decrease.

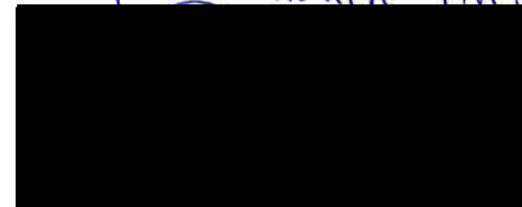
3. Near the middle of the Aspen Creek trail are several wet areas. These areas would be very susceptible to damage from careless ATV users.

4. An area about 1 mile from the Gooseberry Trail has a very steep hillside that would be very difficult to place a good trail on.

5. The elk would be driven deeper into the private ranches if this area was opened to ATV use resulting in more rancher wildlife conflict.

6. The increased use of the South Fork of the Wood river trailhead would result in user conflict.

7. The trail up Brown Creek is also very steep and goes through important elk habitat.



8. This trail also goes over a ridge that would open up a big area to illegal use and would be hard to patrol.

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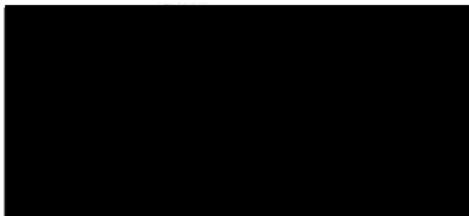
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NZ-01 Line Creek

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

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This narrow stretch of country between the steep face of the Beartooths and the housing developments on private land below makes this area a very critical wildlife corridor. Elk, Big Horn Sheep, Mountain Goats, Grizzly Bears and Antelope all use this area extensively. Any increase in human activity in this area would have detrimental effect on the area wildlife.



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NZ-04 Little Sunlight Trailhead

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

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The current Little Sunlight Trailhead has been a traditional horse trailhead. It has good corrals, tie rails, and many good easy horse trails. This trailhead was closed to ATV use in the past and should be closed to ATV use again. A new ATV trailhead should be constructed at the seasonally closed gate on Sunlight Creek. This new trailhead would be closer to the trails used by the ATVs. The Little Sunlight corridor is traveled by many different wildlife and removing the ATV use from this area would make their travel less restricted. There have been several instances of user conflict in this area. Many of the people who use to use this great trailhead don't use it because of the noise and other problems with ATV use. This new trailhead would move the ATV users closer to ATV trails, decrease user conflict and be less restrictive to traveling wildlife.

