

Kelly Graham



November 25, 2015

Shoshone National Forest
Greybull Ranger District
203A Yellowstone Ave.
Cody, WY 82414

RE: Travel Management Plan – Summer Motorized Proposals
Gwinn Fork: NZ-11, NZ-12, NZ-28

Dear Forest Service Personnel:

I am strongly opposed to the Gwinn Fork proposal(s) referenced above. I would prefer that none of these be built. I believe these would be detrimental to the health of the forest and would provide no benefit.

The Gwinn Fork area is an important area for wildlife. It is perfect habitat for elk, deer, grizzly bears and numerous other species. If a motorized trail is built, the wildlife that currently live there will be driven out of the area, either to more remote parts of the forest or to lower elevations on private property. This would have the effect of reducing hunting opportunities (in the case of elk/deer), forcing grizzly bears into more conflicts with humans. More roads mean more people and more problems/conflicts with wildlife. Another factor is the loss of grazing for wildlife and livestock. Any place there is a road, there is no grass. Also, more roads will lead to more off-road driving, more reckless driving (speeding), and more garbage – all of which are bad for wildlife and livestock.

One of my biggest concerns about this proposal is the amount of money these proposals will require. It is my understanding that the Forest Service is chronically short on funds. It would require many millions of dollars to build any kind of a road/trail in this rough terrain. This is extremely steep, rocky, rugged terrain that would require extensive use of large equipment to build any trail suitable for any type of motorized vehicle. This is the reason that this area has historically only been accessed by foot or horseback. Any surface disturbance in these areas is going to be damaging to the land. There will be increased soil erosion, run-off problems, and further spread of noxious weeds. The maintenance costs for these new roads will be an ongoing burden to the Forest Service budget. Another area of expense will be the new fencing required

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by the proposed NZ-12 trail. There will have to be a new fence built between the Dick Creek Allotment and the Timber Creek Allotment. At the present time (without a motorized trail), the cattle stay within their respective allotments, but if a new trail is put in place there will have to be a new fence built. This will also be expensive to build and maintain. These new roads will require more personnel for supervision and enforcement.

This proposal for new motorized trails in the Gwinn Fork area is a bad idea and should not receive further consideration. It is a losing situation for wildlife, hunting, livestock grazing, camping and provides no benefit.

Sincerely,

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RE: Travel Management Plan – Summer Motorized Proposals
Aspen Trail: NZ-13, NZ-27

Dear Forest Service Personnel:

I am strongly opposed to the Aspen Trail proposal(s) referenced above. I would prefer that none of these be built. I believe these would be detrimental to the health of the forest and would provide no benefit.

The Aspen Trail area is an important area for wildlife. It is perfect habitat for elk, deer, grizzly bears and numerous other species. More roads mean more people and more problems/conflicts with wildlife. Another factor is the loss of grazing for wildlife and livestock. Any place there is a road, there is no grass. Also, more roads will lead to more off-road driving, more reckless driving (speeding), and more garbage – all of which are bad for wildlife and livestock.

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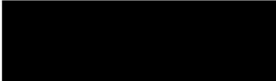
This proposal for new motorized trails in the Aspen Trail area is a bad idea and should not receive further consideration. It is a losing situation for wildlife, hunting, livestock grazing, camping and provides no benefit.

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RE: Travel Management Plan – Summer Motorized Proposals
Gooseberry & Grass Creek: NZ-14, NZ-15

Dear Forest Service Personnel:

I am strongly opposed to the Gooseberry and Grass Creek road proposal(s) referenced above. I would prefer that none of these be built. I believe these would be detrimental to the health of the forest and would provide no benefit.

The Gooseberry and Grass Creek areas are important areas for wildlife. It is perfect habitat for elk, deer, grizzly bears and numerous other species. More roads mean more people and more problems/conflicts with wildlife. Another factor is the loss of grazing for wildlife and livestock. Any place there is a road, there is no grass. Also, more roads will lead to more off-road driving, more reckless driving (speeding), and more garbage – all of which are bad for wildlife and livestock.

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This proposal for new motorized roads in the Gooseberry and Grass Creek area is a bad idea and should not receive further consideration. It is a losing situation for wildlife, hunting, livestock grazing, camping and provides no benefit.

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