

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Proposal
Public Comments

- 1) Which proposal are you commenting on? NZ-01 Line Creek
- 2) Provide comments below on the proposal:

I own property in Section 13, in Clark, Wyoming. Section 13 borders the Shoshone National Forest and the area of the proposed motorized trail. I am writing to indicate strong opposition of the proposed NZ-01 portion of the North Zone Travel Management Proposal.

This proposal seemingly benefits only a small group of people, those wishing to travel by motorized vehicles. It poses a logical potential detriment to the animals inhabiting this part of the National Forest, the environment, and indeed the state of Wyoming properties that border this part of the forest.

Ample consideration of the current crucial elk and deer habitat needs to be addressed. These animals already deal with occasional wolves and grizzly bears, and it's being proposed to further stress them with motorized vehicles, possibly pushing them onto a nearby ranch when potential brucellosis risk to domestic cattle could occur, and certain damage to pasture lands and fences.

In addition to the afore mentioned wild life, a lynx was spotted here a few years back, and also big horned sheep. Do we really want to introduce motorized vehicles across this entire section of forest?

Use of motor vehicles on this steep rocky terrain will likely result in damage to the land including rutting and soil erosion, and possible siltation of Bennett Creek. In addition summer use of such a trail adds to the likelihood of another forest fire in this area.

Prior experience, having lived near such trails or roads, is there are always those individuals who ignore closures due to fire danger or seasonal weather conditions, ignore signs, tear down gates, and indeed do not only ride on the trail. These people cause problems and monetary damage for others to live with.

Who is going to monitor this proposed trail? Where, in a time of national budget crisis, are the funds to build and maintain this "trail" coming from?

At the present time people can use motorized vehicles on 121 and 123 and their sub-roads. People can walk or ride horses between these roads. Is the potential damage to the Shoshone National Forest and this part of Wyoming really worth what this proposal will surely cost in the long run?

I sincerely hope that all involved in studying this proposal will forgo building this section of road.

Thanks for considering public comments.

Sincerely,
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