

Shoshone National Forest Travel Management
Request for Public Input

Ranger District: Wind River Ranger District

Name/Organization: Togwotee Pass Backcountry Alliance (TPBA)

New Proposals

1. What is the proposal? - Enforcement

We propose better enforcement of wilderness boundaries and closed areas. Non-motorized users often see snowmobile tracks within the wilderness boundary and we expect the same if areas are closed to motorized use (i.e. Deception Creek nordic skiing). We propose more effective signage at parking lots and at heavy traffic areas, i.e. Breccia Meadows (We realize this is on the BTNF, but just an example) Also, it is unclear how this is enforced and what's the punishment?

2. Where is the proposal located?

The biggest problem area we see right now is Breccia Meadows (43.78176° N 110.06479° W). Often snowmobile tracks are visible on the wrong side of the wilderness boundary from Peak 10,375 (43.77804° N 110 058464° W) all along the wilderness boundary North to the NE ridge of Breccia Peak (43 78893° N 110.06685° W). Again, if areas do get closed to motorized use what will be done to enforce the closure?

3. Why is your proposal desired or needed?

Non-motorized users have a very small portion of ideal skiable terrain that is prohibited to motorized users. Yes, there is a lot of designated wilderness prohibiting motorized use already, but not within a one day outing from Hwy 26. It takes a long time to ski back into these places, enjoy a few runs, and make it back to the car before dark.

Respectfully,

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