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USFS Staff -

Good evening. My name is Charlotte Walter, and I am a resident of Sheridan, WY. A photo of my driver's license is attached as verification of identity. I am writing to comment on the Pole Creek Vegetation Management Project.

As a regular snowshoer and user of Pole Creek's nordic trail system, I am concerned about the vegetation management project's potential impact on the trails. I travel from Sheridan through Buffalo multiple times during the winter specifically to access this trail system. On the way through I frequently stop for gas and/or food in Buffalo. This trail system provides one of the few non-motorized options to enjoy the Bighorns in the winter.

What I hope to avoid is the outcome of unusable trails due to a) poor accumulation of snow due to limited tree wind buffer or b) significant exposure while recreating due to minimal tree cover. I was encouraged to read in the February 16th edition of the Buffalo Bulletin that options of minimal impact are being considered. I hope that you develop and refine the project plan in such a way that leaves the trail system minimally hindered yet healthy for years to come.

Thank you in advance for considering my comment, and I would welcome the opportunity to both receive updates and provide additional comments as the project planning progresses.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Walter