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Comments: Below are our comments regarding the Rapid River Travel Management Project.

- 1. We do not feel this project demonstrates need. In the proposed area there is already many miles of trail that is open to motorcycle traffic and this potential opening does not materially impact that access at all.
- 2. We already have issues with motorcycles riders not obeying the current trail closures and non motorized access rules.
- 3. One of our Forest Service designated hunting camps is within this potential opening. If these trails are open to motorized traffic during August and into the Fall hunting season we will have to move this camp since the elk and deer movements in the area will change significantly. We also promote our hunts as being in non-motorized wilderness and this change will have a significant material impact on our business. We will not be able to run as many hunts, will will then pay less forest service fees and less money will go to IDFG for licenses and tags.
- 4. Opening these trails will give direct access to the main Rapid River corridor trail which will cause a safety issue during hunting season with pack strings utilizing the trails at that time.
- 5. Trail maintenance has been limited in this area and this will cause more wear and tear on the trails.
- 6. Permitting motorcycle traffic will increase fire danger in the Rapid River corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns.