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Comments: As a trail crew volunteer who've scouted and maintained trail in the Seven Devils, this is an extremely poor choice to open up the Rapid River trails to motorized use. Idaho has 10,000+ miles of ORV and UTV trails and the decision to open up a trail that Idaho Trails Association has maintained and has been kept a wild and scenic river is inadequately thought out by the managers of the forest. To open up this trail would utterly destroy the wild life in the corridor and affect the natural sound scape. It's an extremely sensitive area ecologically as it sits in an arid climate that is being affected by drought and changes in the local climate. Motorized use means large camps, more hunters, and further degradation of the trails. Further noise reduces the "Wildness" of this river as it scares major game and birds away from the motorized use. The forest service should be worrying about trail maintenance and bridge repairs instead of opening up further motor use on the last remaining non-motorized trails that are semi protected. Give it some trails in Idaho wouldn't exist if it wasn't for motorized use, but this is a very poor area to change classification because a few groups want to run their four wheelers further into the Seven Devils. They have miles of old forest service roads to do that in the Seven Devils and West Mountains.

Opening a Wild river up to motorized use on the Wild Rapid River is a poor and ill thought management plan. It sets a terrible precedent for motorized use that any Wild River could be changed to further ATV use. Please consider keeping this open only to the public foot and horse traffic like Idaho used to be pre 1930s. 90 percent of the state trails are open to ATVs, why do we need to open up the rest of the non wilderness areas like the Rapid River? I've enjoyed this area too much to see it turned into another motorcycle fest with disregard to the sensitive wildlife and people on the trail.