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I am still most in favor of Alternative 2 after reviewing the addendums. Like every option it's not perfect for everyone but I feel it is the most fair. I snowmobile in the Togwotee area about 4 weekends in the winter. I truly enjoy the late season rides up there as traffic is low and the snow is generally plentiful. I support a snow depth rule 100%. With that said the snow depth must be from a snowtel site that is at or above the median elevation of the shoshone snowmobiling areas. Dates proposed are fair I would say that with the exception of great years where that snow starts early and last late into June in the higher elevations 1st of November to end of May is a 7 month season which is great!. With both of these proposed rules I would like that to apply to "Off Road" travel. Many Forest managers have recognized this and allow for travel on FS roads open to wheeled vehicles regardless of snow depth. The late seasons and the early seasons are for the local residents of Wyoming and I would hate to see those cut short.

I would not support any tracked vehicle that is not a snowmobile on many of the trails in the Togwotee area as many trails are narrow. I think that the CD trail can handle a tracked SxS but not say a truck or van along with snowmobiles. I feel that those companies that operate with permits and that is how they get people to and from their lodges should be allowed to continue that operation (Brooks Lake Lodge).

I support the continued marking and addition to maps of the ungroomed trails in all areas of the shoshone forest especially those in the Togwotee and Union Pass areas.

The economic impact of snowmobiling for the smaller communities in and around the Shoshone Forest keeps food on people's plates and I would hate to see a travel management plan that created burden due to restrictions for these communities.

Please accept my comments and take them into consideration as you enter this difficult process of creating a TMP and please keep Wyoming free and enjoyable for all users.

Thank you,

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