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Dear Mark,

I definitely support no increase in motorized use in the Shoshone National Forest.

At what point do we say "stop" with the increasing development of the type/style/power of motorized equipment in the backcountry and the number of uses.

Wildlife shouldn't have to be forced to change their nests/dens/burrows, reproduction rates, food sources, etc. to fit new human use levels, they have been the same for hundreds of years. Where do they go when they feel their habitat is encroached upon by more and more motorized vehicles? I also think high tech mountain bikes are a problem.

Recently I have traveled to places where less care has been taken with motorized vehicle access (Arizona), and after a month of hiking (yep, every day we hiked) we noticed we saw no wildlife except for birds. What we saw was humans getting lazier and taking motorized transport into the quiet backcountry. I would hate for that to happen in this region. Wildlife is what makes this region special, it's what makes Yellowstone special and the lands around Yellowstone need to also be considered carefully.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak out.

Regards,

Sarah DeOpsomer