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Dear Mark,

Shoshone National Forest contains some of the most wild, vast, and scenic public lands in the world. Because it borders Yellowstone N.P., it provides important habitat for our treasured wildlife and is a place where human and plant communities thrive.

It's important to protect the ecological integrity of our public lands, which is why I'm submitting comments to you for consideration as you finalize your Travel Management Plan.

Research indicates both motorized and quiet recreation can have negative effects on wildlife. Elevated heart rates, issues with reproduction, and habitat disruption resulting in casualties are big concerns.

I support route decommissions and seasonal closures that benefit elk, deer, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, moose, grizzly bears, wolverines, nesting raptors, and other wildlife.

A high density of motorized routes negatively affects wildlife. Please ensure there is no net increase to the wheeled motorized footprint. Shoshone needs to address illegal routes, enforcement mechanisms, and secure sustainable funding to maintain its current road and trail system.

In order to preserve the ecological integrity of these public lands, I oppose any permanent motorized use in Inventoried Roadless Areas, the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone Wild and Scenic River Corridor, and the Line Creek Plateau Research Natural Area.

The climate is changing and high elevation terrain will serve as areas of refuge for plant and wildlife species sensitive to temperature, moisture, and other aspects predicted in climate modeling.

Please ensure the Winter OSV Use Season ends by April 30 to help reduce conflicts among various forest uses and provide refuge for wildlife, lichen, and sensitive vegetation. Shoshone N.F. should thoughtfully reduce impacts of known overlapping uses that lead to conflicts while utilizing future climate projections to make lasting impactful decisions.

Please limit OSV use within the High Lakes Wilderness Study Area to only designated trails shown in Alternative 4 in order to better adhere to the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984.

It's important to me that Shoshone balance the needs of a wide variety of uses, especially for the animal, plants, and water that cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you.

Regards,

Lisanne Freese

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