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Dear Mark,

My name is Eric Alexander, I am a member of the Cody County snowmobile association and long time Cody resident. I have been involved in CCSA for the last 5 years. I would like to take some time and share my support for alternative 4 in the SNF travel management plan.

My family of 4 have been riding in the high lakes area for the last 15 years or so. It is a very special place to us as we have spent many days riding together. Along the way we have made memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. My children are ages 14 and 18, they have talked about how they would like to make memories with their own family in the same areas.

I fully understand that we need to set dates for the opening and closing of a season. The dates that are in the SNF travel management plan align well with the data supported by the NOAA snotel. I personally do not want to see any resource damage done by osv's or orv's. The dates are a better way to protect our resource than by setting depths, with the wind shifting snow around the depths can change by the hour and in a matter of feet.

The proposed trail in ghost cr. would help reduce the congregation and parking at the junction. This trail would follow the same historic route used by previous user's.

I am also concerned about class 2 osv's the damage to our trails can be very dangerous. I have road on trails that allow class 2 osv's and have seen the damage left behind to the trails. I am also concerned that we may see class 2 osv's attempting to use the ungroomed trails and become stuck in the deep snow. The damage left behind from this may reach to the ground beneath the snow pack and damage the ecosystem below. If a class 2 osv was in a situation where it could not be removed before the snow pack melted out, additional resource damage would occur from the travel after it was recovered.

On the safety side of class 2 osv's the damage to the trails can become a safety concern in low light situations, we often are out and about in low visibility situations like storms, wind and fog. The ruts left behind from class 2 osv's become difficult to see and can lead to loss of control of class 1 osv's.

I fully object to buffer zones along the wilderness areas. If we alow a buffer zone this will further take land away from us and will not allow the forest to be properly managed for timber sales.

The wyoming wilderness act also prohibits buffer zones.

Line cr. area is an area that needs to remain open to osv's it is an area that has been used and managed in the

past. The snow leaves also support the use of this area for osv's.

My family and I use the forest in nomotorized ways as well, we enjoy both sides of the coin and understand that by working together, not against each other is how to make a more enjoyable experience for all of us the use the SNF.

Thank you for your time,