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To whom it concerns,

I am Mike Mielke Teton Country resident that has been snowmobiling and enjoying the back country my whole life. I strongly disagree with early season closure on the Shoshone forest for the following reasons.

- 1- My kids are still young and spring time snowmobiling is much more enjoyable for them.
2. Many years late season snowmobiling has more and better snow conditions than what historical mid winter provided.
3. The access is one of the few at this higher elevation.
4. The economic impacts and tourism would be impacted negatively by an early closure.
5. In my opinion in the limited wildlife I have seen in the high county have a minimal negative impact, in fact in my experience the compacted snow from OSV provides an easier way for the wintering animals to navigate to a lower elevation.

Please consider leaving the closure date as is.

Thank you,

Mike Mielke

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