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We are writing to express our concerns of the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan, Specifically as it pertains to WR-7, Warm Springs to Union Pass, && WR-13, Porcupine. We reside at 181 Stoney Point Drive and the West boundary of our Property Borders this area of the Shoshone National Forest while the South boundary borders the adjacent BLM land. For the past 3 years, we have traveled this area of the NF on a daily basis, via foot and/or horseback. These are our thoughts and observations:

-We have never encountered any form of Federal or local law enforcement, Forest Service Ranger or Employee. There is no enforcement of legal/appropriate use of the current trail system.

-New trails are created randomly by ATV users in pursuit of game, new views of Warm Springs Canyon, and to create &"shortcuts&"

-Erosion and plant life destruction has led to increasingly wider trails with additional destruction.

-The Management Plan refers to the widening of trails to accommodate today's larger ATVs. The trails are already wide enough to accommodate full size trucks and jeeps which are routinely used.

We understand that the area USFS is understaffed, We also recognize that the Management Plan will increase ATV traffic. When the NF is already being degraded by the current traffic, why would the USFS encourage more use? Additionally, it appears that the Travel Plan was created and the Environmental Assessment was then backed into. Based on the amount of degradation in the last 3 years, it is very difficult to believe any physical on site review has taken place. If so, we believe the USFS would first make an attempt at managing (or reducing) the current impact, rather than facilitating further destruction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy & Carolyn Taylor

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