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Hello,

This letter is to address the proposed season dates for OSV travel on the Shoshone NF within the EA for travel management.

I am writing to address the environmental assessment for travel management. I am a user of the Shoshone NF year-round with summer 4 wheeling, fishing, fall hunting and winter snowmobiling being my uses of the public land.

I support alternative 1 on this topic to have no established start or end dates. Motorized use should only be allowed when enough snow cover is present to prevent resource damage. Changing weather from year to year is better managed by minimum snow cover of 6 inches to better suit winter recreation. Some years the snow comes early, some years it stays later. By having no start or end date will allow better use of the public land based on conditions on the ground. By using snow cover as the regulating factor it will allow for versatility within the NF as well since some areas receive more snow (Beartooths vs. greybull). The beartooths can be used later in the year because of better snow depth compared to the Greybull Ranger District. Snow cover will protect the resources while allowing for a full winter of recreation.

Thank you,

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