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Hi there,

I am writing to provide several comments on the Travel Management Plan currently under discussion. I value many recreational opportunities in the Shoshone National Forest, including hunting, climbing, backpacking, fishing, and more. I go there for the wild spaces and I actively AVOID roads and areas with motorized recreation.

I oppose new motorized trails or roads, unless others are decommissioned such that the net amount of area open to motorized use stays the same or declines. I emphatically do NOT support new trails in areas that were previously roadless or trailless. Keep the forest wild.

It seems like enforcement of existing trail use regs and maintenance of roads may be lagging, so it doesn't make sense to add more trail/road. Specifically the proposed new OHV routes at Warm Springs Canyon and the Benchmark Roadless area should be removed from consideration

Snowmobile use seems to keep going up and they make a real mess. I am not opposed to folks sledding, but the sledding season should be set strictly and there should be enforcement to keep people in bounds and from sledding across bare ground. I also think sleds should be required to be low emissions or electric if they are to be allowed in the forest.

Thanks for all that you do to keep the forest healthy. I value balancing recreational opportunities, but more than anything I want to see wild places kept wild, with access via feet or horses or skis and that's it. If that means I can't go there at some point, so be it, I can visit those untrammeled places in my memory.

Thanks,

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