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Dear Environmental Coordinator Mark Foster,

I am writing to comment on the Shoshone NF travel plan draft out for review. I have lived in SW Montana for 23 years and participated in backcountry ski outings on the Shoshone NF from Beartooth pass at least a dozen times. Having reviewed your plan there is one thing I most object to and that is the proposed extension of snowmobile season in the late spring. The USFS should NOT extend the open snowmobile season to June 15! This seems unwise from soil impact and grizzly disturbance standpoint and seems totally unfair from the standpoint of non motorized recreation opportunity. The snowmobilers have a whole season of opportunity to do so BEFORE the pass opens to cars and skiers and sight-seers, and before the grizzlies start coming out of their dens with their spring cubs. You really need to keep the Beartooth pass and headwall areas quiet and undisturbed for non motorized uses and wildlife from April 30 onwards.

thank you.

Sincerely,

peter Aengst

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