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Comments: Shoshone NF Travel Management Planning Project

Dear Mr.:

I am writing regarding the Shoshone Travel Management Plan. I plan to be visiting Wyoming over the next several years, and ultimately may move there permanently. Being a lover of the outdoors and enjoying everything from mountain bikes to dirt bikes and Jeeps, any trail closers are deeply concerning to me. I also am interested in snow mobiles in the future, even though I don't currently have one.

I do not support the High Lakes Wilderness Study Area proposed in Alternative 3 as there are already vast amounts of land managed as wilderness within the forest, which is the most restrictive form of management. Only 17% of the forest is open to motorized use.

I am concerned with the use of "adequate snow depth" as this term could be used to create arbitrary snow depth requirements that could be used to unnecessarily restrict OSV use with no proper science and guidelines. OSV use in Yellowstone National Park is showing that with proper management, there is not significant impact.

None of the roads proposed to be decommissioned should be. This will only lead to more over concentration in areas that remain open.

The USFS should finally begin to reverse its decades-long systematic discrimination against those with mobility impairment-related disabilities. Travel management policies focused on "minimizing" the environmental impacts of motorized recreation have resulted in a dramatic increase of lands that are closed to those who can only access public lands with motorized assistance. Trail densities need to follow best available science and not arbitrary proposals and numbers.

In conclusion, I believe in shared use and that there is enough public land for all to enjoy as long as agencies use best practices. Please refrain from closures as roads and trails are critical to the forest.

Sincerely,

Cary Richardson