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To whom it may concern:

The public was invited to comment on the Shoshone Travel Management Plan during the June 2015 to February 2016 timeframe. In these meetings the motorized public expressed the need for loops when possible. Consequently, one of the proposals drafted by the NWWYOHVA(Northwest Wyoming Offhighway Vehicle Association)was to make a loop from Grass Creek to Cottonwood Creekvia 218 to 215 and back to 213.3B. In the scoping document dated May 2016, map NZ-15, the rationale was stated, "Lower portion not feasible due to terrain and displaces non-motorized users." On July 14, 2016, Wyoming State Trails commented on this proposal stating "the lower portion of this proposal which has been dismissed due to 'terrain and displacement' concerns should be reconsidered. The WSTP is capable of constructing the trail improvements, which can be accomplished despite FS staff concerns about terrain. Furthermore, motorized use is allowable in these areas as per the Forest Plan, so 'displacement of non-motorized trail users' is misguided."

After the public meeting of June 2016, an alternate proposal was submitted by the NWWYOHVA to make a loop via 218 to 215 connecting to 225 and back to 218. Therefore, eliminating 213.B where a trailhead exists. The scoping document of November 2017 used the same rationale which leads us to believe that this second proposal was overlooked, as this route circumvents the trail head.On December 10, 2017, the WSTP's comments on the Revised Proposed Action were "Convert roads (both open and administrative Level 1 roads) in Cottonwood Creek, Grass Creek, and Gooseberry Creek areas to MT, open to all."