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It appears to me that of the three alternatives presented in your current EA on this travel

management planning project that ALTERNATIVE 3 must be the preferred alternative.

I have been submitting documentation and photos of long-standing and current mismanagement

of the Elk Fork and Sweetwater deciduous riparian valleys for over 20 years, areas of exceptional

ecological value on the Shoshone NF. My documentation has been met with rejection and ridicule

by past Shoshone NF managers.

The Shoshone NF resource abuse and flagrant waste of public tax payer dollars has proceeded and

in violation of EXECUTIVE ORDERS Flood Plain Management 11988 and Wetlands Protection 11990

both dated 1977.

The Shoshone NF mismanagement of these exceptionally ecological important valleys has also proceeded in

violation of the National FS office directive reinforced again in November 2010 to only maintain

an ECOLOGICALLY AND FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE road system on NF lands.

The direct violation of the CLEAN WATER ACT by the Shoshone NF was confirmed by the US Army Corps

of Engineers personal on-the -inspection several years ago. The response of the then Forest Supervisor

was that the National CLEAN WATER ACT did not apply to the National Forests!!

Numerous scientific studies has shown that in the Rocky Mt. region that

One--Deciduous riparian valleys are exponentially more biologically valuable than coniferous riparian valleys;

Two--ROADLESS riparian valleys are exponentially more biologically valuable than roaded riparian valleys.

ALTERNATIVE 3 is the only alternative that comes close to providing the degree of protection that is required to

maintain the exceptional ecological values of Elk Fork and Sweetwater deciduous riparian valleys. However the Sweetwater

road should be totally decommissioned even to FS maintenance use above the lower Sweetwater Creek crossing.

No mechanized vehicle, FS or not, should ever cross Sweetwater Cr. again.

I strongly urge you make ALTERNATIVE 3 your preferred alternative.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment.

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