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My wife and I are Dubois residents. We have reviewed your plan and we are in disagreement with it. We have spent many days on the forest field checking and comparing our old maps prior to 1976 vs the newer maps against what is actually there. We have found many discrepancies and illegal road closures. It appears that this Forest plan along with past Shoshone Forest practices have totally ignored RS 2477. That law was put into place for this very reason. Currently barricades and road closure signs are being installed on nearly all side roads, this should stop and they should be removed. Access to streams, scenic overlooks, hunting roads, firewood gathering, camping, general vehicle recreating, mining (1870 mining access laws are being violated) etc. has almost be completely shut off with the exception of main roads. We believe that instead of more road closures the Shoshone Forest should be working to correct the violations that have been done to RS 2477 and expanding the opportunities that the forest has for everyone. We feel that roads are a valuable part of the forest and allow the users to spread out instead of being limited to, and concentrated in main areas. For these reasons we are against this plan. We expect the Shoshone NF to comply with the law (RS 2477, 1870 mining law, and others).

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