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Comments: I oppose the multiple new motorized trails, route construction and motorized loops proposed on the Wind River District. Some new routes or loop additions should not be approved due to significant and cumulative impact to the Inventories Roadless Areas, Wild and Scenic eligible Rivers, unique geologic areas and existing non-motorized recreation. These include the Warm Springs Canyon additions (WR07/WR13) and the Benchmark Roadless Area MT14 additions (WR03, WR90, WR11, WR78). I realize the Forest Service has limited resources to enforce, maintain and improve the Shoshone's existing roads and trails. I believe this reason alone should lead to not adding new motorized trails. These simply cannot be managed. I've had friends hiking the area and noticed first hand evidence of motorized use in areas that are not for motor use; this just opens up more land to be misused. Adding more motorized trails to the District that already has the largest motorized trail system and the greatest enforcement and maintenance needs does not meet user demand or public comment concerns. I support and thank you for the closure of the volunteer-groomed Deception ski trail. This small closure diversifies local winter recreation opportunities with no cost to the snowmobile community. The new seasonal road closures is one of the best tools for protecting wildlife and preserving road conditions. Additionally I encourage the Forest Service to mitigate increasing snowmobile use in the High Lakes WSA and comply with the Wyoming Wilderness Act through winter travel planning. A Forest-wide snowmobile season should be limited from December 1 to April 30. I encourage the Forest Service to honor public comments submitted as citizens of Wyoming and these United States.