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Comments: I am writing to oppose the multiple new motorized trails, route construction and motorized loops proposed on the Wind River District. I oppose two proposals for new OHV route and/or loop additions, the Warm Springs Canyon additions (WR07,WR13) and the Benchmark Roadless Area MT14 additions (WR03, WR90, WR11,WR78). The new route proposals would have significant and cumulative impacts to Inventoried Roadless Areas, Wild and Scenic eligible rivers, unique geologic areas, and existing non-motorized recreation. The Forest Service already has limited resources to maintain and improve existing roads and trails in the District. How will new construction be paid for and managed? I would argue that these simply cannot be managed. A good example is the Bear Creek Proposal. Alternative 4 converts a Forest Service Road with known resource concerns to a Forest Service Trail that will be open to all wheeled vehicles. This access road to a wilderness trailhead is in terrible shape and concerns have been documented going back at least 6 years to 2015. Why hasn't the Forest Service proposed improvements or seasonal closures on this road? The limited resources of the Forest Service would be far better spent on maintaining, improving or re-routing rather than building new ATV trails. I encourage a commitment of Forest Service funds to maintenance and improvement of existing public resources versus creating ones. The proposal to add these new routes to the Wind River Ranger 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. Please honor public comments. I am respectfully requesting that the Forest Service use its limited resources to enforce, maintain and improve the existing roads and trails and not to add new ones.