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Comments: First of all, I want to thank you for accepting comments on the updated Shoshone National Forest Travel Management Plan. As you certainly know, listening and understanding the public's wants and needs for their forests is not only a legal requirement, but is imperative for management strategies to effectively match use on the ground and protect the resources for which they are implemented. As a resident of Lander, WY, I spend time during every month of the year in the Shoshone either biking, fishing, hunting, backpacking, or skiing. I've climbed peaks in the Winds, fished remote Cutthroat streams in the Absarokas, hunted elk in the foothills around Lander and Dubois, and ridden singletrack scattered across all three forest districts. As you know, the Shoshone is America's first, and arguably wildest National Forest. It is a landscape that people travel the world to experience and explore either on foot, on horseback, via atv, utv or pickup truck. The quality of these experiences is largely dictated by both locations they visit, and their mode of travel to these locations. I am concerned that the current plan largely ignores the quality of this visitor experience in favor of increased motorized routes, when in many cases the current routes are in disrepair. Resource damage has been widely reported, particularly in the Wind River district, and yet new motorized routes (specifically WR03, WR07, WR11, WR13, WR90, and WR78) have been proposed with little insight into how previously reported issues might be mitigated. Again, your attention to these comments is greatly appreciated. The public know that you work in the field of forest management out of a deep commitment to the land, and I'd like to comment that commitment. Thank you all.