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Comments: I am writing to express my opinion that OSV use on the Shoshone NF, in and around the High Lakes Wilderness Study Area and the Beartooth Pass, should be limited to a time frame of Nov. 1- April 30. I have been avidly recreating in that area for over 20 years, as a skier, hiker and climber. Additionally I currently work as a mountain and ski guide in the region. Also for reference I worked on a trail crew and as a Wilderness Ranger on the Beartooth Ranger District for 10 years as well. In summary, I deeply care about the public land and resources of the Shoshone NF and the Absaroka-Beartooth Beartooths in particular. I think the increased OSV use before and around Memorial Day weekend, is affecting the area in a substantially negative way. Specifically I think it negatively effects important wildlife species, such as grizzly bears and wolverine in the area, both of which I have seen fresh tracks in recent years in the High Lakes Wilderness Study Area. And I think OSV use in May and June, significantly effects other backcountry skiers in a negative way, particularly with noise pollution and safety issues. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Travel Plan.