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Comments: I am writing about the Shoshone NF Travel Management Plan, specifically in relation to snowmobiles on the Beartooth Pass during the late Spring and early Summer timeframe. I am a passionate skier and spend over half my Winter/Spring days living out of a cabin in Cooke City. I respect the need for snowmobile travel and its positive impact on the Cooke City economy during the Winter months. However, over the last 12-15 years, I have seen FAR too many snowmobiles on Beartooth Pass operating on low snow conditions and on fragile tundra in late May thru June. Its atrocious to see folks ripping across fragile terrain on their sleds. Many are young and are obviously clueless about the long term negative impacts they are having. Additionally, this ruins the ski experience up there for everyone else. On the busy Memorial Day weekend, its common to see drunk kids ripping up and down the headwall area near the top of the pass alongside folks of all ages skiing and hiking/skinning to earn their turns. Its loud, disgusting and unfair to the people their skiing that outnumber the snowmobiles 30 to 1 (possibly more). I fully understand the need to have this area open to snowmobiles for the main Winter months, but come mid May, its not necessary. It hurts nature, habitat and will likely end up hurting people at some point. Please consider the change to this plan that is currently being proposed.