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Comments: As an avid long distance backpacker and naturalist, I appreciate the opportunity to explore our public lands throughout the year, and recognize their importance to local communities, as identified in the assessment. The growth of outdoor recreation on the Bridger-Teton National Forest needs to be managed to avoid negative impacts to our wildlife populations. Thank you for including current seasonal closures to conserve wintering wildlife and migration corridors along with some research on disturbance impacts. Please expand this section to include the best available scientific information surrounding impacts of recreation on wildlife including summer range, winter range, and dispersed recreation.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is clearly one of the great crown jewels of our public lands, and represents one of the few remaining intact ecosystems in the lower 48. This crucial habitat must not be compromised by short sighted management plans, but be preserved for our grandchildren, and our great great grandchildren to witness the vastness and beauty that defines the Bridger-Teton and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and the wildlife within.

Respectfully yours,

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