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Please accept these formal comments for the SNF travel mgmt.

We are an outdoors family that enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and all outdoor activities with our primary mode of transportation being motorcycles. We feel discriminated against on the SNF as their is not one motorcycle opportunity in the North Zone and it is illegal for our youth to recreate on the existing roads in the North Zone because there are no motorized trails. It is critical to teach youth respect and responsibility for the rules and regs, safety gear, resource, other users, and wildlife on an age appropriate sized machine. This is impossible to do when we have no area to recreate and enjoy even though we have a huge resource the SNF only a few miles from our house. I also find it contradictory and discriminating towards motorized users to allow a child of any age to ride a 2000 lb and 6 ft tall horse on an established road with no safety gear or required supervision with other vehicles on a road, but it is considered "unsafe" for me to supervise my children with safety gear on an appropriately sized motorized vehicle. It is also contradictory for the SNF to state that "allowing motorcycles or ATV's on non motorized trails would be unsafe and displace the horse users" when the horse user travel on the motorized roads to access these nonmotorized trails on all occasions without conflict currently. The SNF has the ability to designate FS roads as unrestricted trails therefore allowing families with youth to enjoy this resource just like the non motorized community. This also allows the FS to receive additional funding through the WY State ORV program, Yamaha Access, and Polaris Trails grants to improve and maintain these trails. We encourage the SNF to complete a full analysis of motorized high use camping and riding areas to develop purpose built motorized trail routes and open up non-motorized trails for motorcycle use during summer months in areas where motorized roads are already in use. The upper sunlight, Woodriver, Gooseberry, and Carter Mtn areas are prime areas for this motorized opportunity as it has historical dispersed camping, not in Grizzly Conservation Areas, and excellent backcountry motorized areas. We would also be in favor of closing some of the dead end spur roads in some of these areas in exchange for some high quality motorized trails in these areas.

We oppose all summer motorized trail closure dates as they should all have a season of Memorial Weekend to Labor Day weekend to allow for access in low moisture and snow years. We also oppose all winter motorized trail closures with defined dates as this should be related to snow depth not a date on a calender as we all know that the snow depth can change drastically year by year.

Sincerely

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