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Dear Sir/Madam:

## **OBJECTION**

I object to the Selected Alternative (Alternative G) as presented by the Shoshone National Forest in their Revised Shoshone Land Management Plan and draft Record of Decision (dROD) as recommended by Joseph Alexander (Forest Supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest) to the responsible official (Daniel Jiron, Regional Forester Rocky Mountain Region). The draft states: *“For those people who advocate for back country characteristics, wildlife habitat, and non-motorized experiences, Alternative G provides less area suitable for oil and gas development, implements the grizzly bear conservation strategy, protects big game crucial winter range, and increases protection to back country areas, particularly the four back country areas most advocated for (Trout Creek, Francs Peak, Wood River, and Dunoir Special Management Unit).”* From my reading of this document, however, I find that Alternative G allows new motorized incursions into the Francs Peak and Wood River roadless areas. Allowing more mororized use of these areas hardly increases their protection.

## **SOLUTION**

At least two potential solutions seem apparent that would address my objection:

- 1) the responsible official could select Alternative B for the final Record of Decision.
- 2) alternatively, the responsible official could rewrite or amend Alternative G to exclude motorized use in the Francs Peak and Wood River roadless areas.

Thank you for considering my remarks.

Michael Blymyer, Objector