

March 21, 2014

Reviewing Officer@
Thomas Tidwell, Chief
USDA Forest Service
Attn: EMC – Administrative Reviews
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington D.C. 20250-1104

Dear Madam/Sir;

OBJECTION

I OBJECT to the Selected Alternative (Alternative G) as presented by the Shoshone NF in their Revised Shoshone Land Management Plan and Draft Record of Decision as recommended by Joseph Alexander (Forest Supervisor of the SNF) to the responsible official (Daniel Jiron, Regional Forester Rocky Mountain Region). No two NFs are the same, and while mutipurpose activities should be allowed in the NF's, that does NOT mean that each activity should have an equal share in each NF. Do all NFs have roadless areas and wilderness aeas? NO! Good management practices use each Forest's characteristics to determine the level of each activity. Joe Alexander said that the areas that resemble wilderness would continue to be managed in a way to **“maintain or enhance their character”** in case future generations want to designate them as wilderness. To do that, the plan recommends **“reducing** the area that allows active vegetation management, summer motorized use, and winter motorized use..particularly in the four back country areas most advocated for, which are; Francs Peak, Wood River, Trout Creek and Dunoir Special Management Unit. BUT, Alternative G actually ALLOWS new (increased) motorized incursions into the Francs Peak and Wood River roadless areas. Allowing motorized use into these areas hardly increases their protection and in fact could forever remove them as candidates for future wilderness consideration!

SOLUTION

I would like the responsible official to select Alternative B for the final Record of Decision.

Thank you for revisiting this Objection and finding a better Solution in Alternative B

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