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Submitted electronically at: [objections-chief@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-chief@fs.fed.us)

**Subject:** Shoshone National Forest Land Management Plan, 2014 Revision

**Responsible official:** Daniel Jiron, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester

Dear Chief Tidwell,

Wyoming Wildlife Federation (WWF) works for wildlife, habitat, and sportsmen and women. We have written comments and been involved in the Shoshone National Forest land use management plan revision for nine years. Our comments on the draft environmental impact statement were extensive, dated 11/26/12. Overall, WWF is satisfied with the Shoshone National Forest Record of Decision; however, we do object to the acre expansion of summer motorized vehicle use in the Francs Peak and Wood River areas.

WWF recommends the Forest Service utilize the Starkey Project conducted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service at the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range for gathering information on how the expanded acres for summer motorized recreation will impact wildlife on the forest. While the WWF is by no means opposed to motorized travel, where appropriate, we do feel that keeping the backcountry as productive as possible for wildlife is critical to maintain population viability, huntable populations of game animals, preservation of pristine watersheds and Class I airsheds, as well as to maintain the recreational aspect of the Wyoming economy.

WWF believes the plan can be improved if the Forest Service conducts a Starkey Project study to determine what impact the summer motorized acre expansion will have on the forest. Once the data has been gathered and if the data suggests an impact, the Forest Service should maintain the level of summer motorized vehicle use that currently exists in the 1986 plan.



Sincerely,

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