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Sent: Friday, January 28, 2005 7:15 PM  
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Cc: Eldon "Cap" Kuney; Robert H. Stickler; Dennis Larratt; Kristi Parker Celico; Rick Hammel; Helen Littrell; Tonie Louder  
Subject: Scoping comments for Little Snake River Resource Management Plan

Dear Jeremy,

Please accept these comments relative to your initial scoping for the Little Snake Resource Management Plan.

I have been a resident of Northwest Colorado for 30+ years and have recreated in the Sand Wash, Vermillion Breaks, Irish Canyon areas on a year round basis for all of that period.

I am an avid outdoor enthusiast and my experience in the Little Snake Resource area include camping, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mustang watching, off highway vehicle recreation/racing, trail mapping and trail maintenance.

I am board member of the Timberline Trailriders Inc. of Steamboat Springs for the last 15 years, a member of Colorado State Trails OHV Sub-Committee 2004-2005, American Motorcyclist Association for the last 18 years and Colorado Off Highway vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) since inception. I am aware of the NWCOS organization and may wish to participate with their efforts if my schedule allows.

I apologize for the brevity of comments here, and hope to expound with more details as the full scoping and public comment period unfolds. Please include my name, address and E-mail into the distribution for all updates and information distribution lists for the LSR-RMP.

Formal comments should be forthcoming from, Timberline Trailriders, COHVCO, AMA and other Local OHV advocates resulting from my initiative after attendance at the Public Meeting 05/Jan/05 in Steamboat.

Please accept these general comments regarding the BLM scoping and management plan(s) for the Little Snake:

- 1) The area has no purpose or need for prescription as wilderness or wilderness study area. The entire area is criss-crossed with every conceivable type of way, path, trail, single track, two track and gravel surface road imaginable.

2) Any travel management plan needs to accurately inventory and recognize in-use existing and historic trails and roads. I believe a good start for some of the OHV trails inventory resulted from the good efforts of the Little Snake River MC from Craig, Mark and Toni Louder.

3) Open and welcomed multiple use, collaboration, conflict resolution and education should be the primary objective of the BLM. NOT - regulation, segregation, elimination or heavy handed law enforcement.

4) User conflicts can best be mitigated by increasing accesses and dispersing all type of recreation and use throughout the full area of the Little Snake. Intensive and intrusive micro-management of recreation users and uses is ineffective and un-necessary for the Little Snake.

5) Specific area improvements and projects can be funded and effectively implemented through collaborative efforts of organized user groups and should be actively solicited and promoted by BLM staff and planners. Inventive and ingenious plans such as special area User Fees should be investigated proposed (at least on a trial or study basis), to offset budgetary shortfalls for effective recreation management in the Little Snake.

6) The BLM is surely in the spotlight for the new found emphasis of scrutiny for public lands use of any kind. The unique opportunity to re-think and adapt to 21st century multiple use recreation planning and contrast the ineffective management by "lock-out and exclusion" adapted by the USFS in response to preservationist threats, should not be missed.

Sincerely,

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