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Dear Forest User:

I am pleased to share with you the enclosed *Travel Management – Eastern Snowy Range Environmental Assessment (EA)* for the Laramie Ranger District of the Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming. The EA discloses the potential environmental effects of a proposal to develop a summer motorized trail system on the eastern portion of the Snowy Range. Specifically, the Proposed Action proposes to designate roughly 68 miles of motorcycle trails and 38 miles of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails as part of the forest transportation system. To accommodate the motorized trail system, two trailheads would be established; one a couple of miles west of Albany and the other at the Mountain Home snowmobile parking area. The Proposed Action also includes closing approximately 235.5 miles of unauthorized roads, 39.0 miles of unauthorized trails, and 5.0 miles of National Forest System Roads (NFSRs) to motorized use. In addition to the Proposed Action, the EA describes the environmental effects of a No Action alternative and one additional action alternative – Alternative 2: Expanded Motorized Trail System.

To help explain the alternatives analyzed in the EA and to answer any questions the public may have about them, the Laramie Ranger District will be hosting two Open House meetings in November. The first Open House meeting will be held on **November 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Holiday Inn at 204 W. Fox Farm Road in Cheyenne. The second meeting will be on **November 15<sup>th</sup>** in Laramie at the Ramada Inn at 2313 Soldier Springs Road. Both meetings will run from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Forest Service employees will be available to discuss and answer any questions the public may have about the proposals described above. Information regarding the development of a Corridor Management Plan for the Snowy Range Scenic Byway will also be displayed at the Open House meetings. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Maps associated with the EA are too large and complex to be distributed with the EA. Therefore, they will be available for public viewing at the Laramie Ranger District office, the Albany County Public Library, and the Laramie County Library. The maps will also be posted on the Forest Service website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/trans](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/trans) and will be displayed at the Open House meetings. Library addresses are as follows:

Laramie County Library System  
2800 Central Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Albany County Public Library  
310 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Laramie, WY 82070

