**ACTION ALERT!**

The Shoshone National Forest Plan is published and your input is still needed!

After almost nine years of planning, the Revised Land Management Plan is now available for review. This plan will manage our oldest National Forest for at least the next 10-15 years. Last-minute management changes to our wildest places in the new preferred Alternative G require your attention!

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### SNF Public Meetings

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*WWA will also be hosting an informational session at the Dubois Public Library on Wednesday, February 19th at 5:30pm.*

### Objection Process

The 60-day objection period began on January 24th, 2014. The new FS objection process is a pre-decisional administrative review that allows those that have submitted substantive comments in the planning process to file an objection before the final decision is issued. All Plan documents and more information on objections can be found at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shoshone/landmanagement/planning](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shoshone/landmanagement/planning)

WWA strongly encourages anyone involved in the public comment process to attend a public meeting. Be sure your voice was heard!

Please visit [www.wildwyo.org](http://www.wildwyo.org) for updates on the objection process!

For more information, please contact Sarah at 307-455-2246 or swalker@wildwyo.org
Shoshone Final Plan Revision in Brief:

Alternative G is the new preferred alternative, and most resembles Alternative B, with changes incorporated from the public comment process.

The Good News: Your voice was heard! Based on public comments from you, WWA and other conservation organizations, Alternative G includes a drastic reduction in allowable oil and gas surface occupancy: from 402,849 acres to 129,059 acres in the final plan! Eight new research natural areas and 16 Wild and Scenic river segments are proposed.

The Worrisome News: No wilderness is recommended in the final plan. The plan states that “the need for wilderness is low”, in stark contrast to national and local support for new wilderness designations. Moreover, the plan proposes last-minute changes in vehicular use for three of the Shoshone’s most championed wild places, areas that were promised to be managed for their wilderness characteristics. Additional concerns are roadless areas being newly open to summer motorized use.

DuNoir Special Management Unit (28,952 acres)
Rated HIGH in all wilderness criteria in 2008 and 2012 Forest Service Wilderness Evaluations

- Congress designated the DuNoir as a Special Management Unit in 1972, to be managed “especially for non-vehicular recreation.”
- A wild connector between the Washakie and Teton wildernesses, recommended for wilderness 3 times.
- Easy access to exceptional hunting, backpacking, horse packing, wildlife viewing and solitude.
- Scenic values including the iconic Ramshorn Peak, Brook’s Lake Pinnacles, and Kissinger Lakes.
- Elk migration route and critical elk calving grounds, stronghold for grizzly, cutthroat trout, and bighorn sheep populations.

Wood River (57,000 acres) and Franc’s Peak (68,000 acres)
Rated HIGH or MODERATE in all wilderness criteria in 2008, 2012 FS Wilderness Evaluations

- Middle Fork of the Wood River recognized for wilderness protection since 1970s.
- Rich cultural heritage highlighted by a few of the world’s most substantive prehistoric archeological sites.
- Critical lower-elevation habitat. One of the highest densities of army-cutworm moth grizzly-feeding sites in the country and winter home to the longest migrating elk herd. Not to mention high altitude pronghorn, migratory sage grouse, and 1,300 bighorn sheep!

Both Franc’s Peak and Wood River were slated as backcountry non-motorized (1.3MA), absent a wilderness recommendation throughout the planning process. Now about 1/3 of Francs Peak IRA is open to motorized access, and 3/4 of the Wood River IRA is now open to winter-motorized. This last-minute change highlights the importance of permanent and lasting protection for our remaining wild areas.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ONE OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS!