

**Phoonswadi-Brewer, Sean**

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From: Kristy Jones [mailto:joneskristy5@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 6:50 PM  
To: Yannone, Kristin  
Subject: RMP

I am writing regarding the section of land that will soon be accessible by Bunker road. Discription is 34N Range 100W Sec 32 33N 100W section 5

I live at the end of King Drive, which the county is trying to take over and turn into a public road. I ride horses and hike all over this area they are trying to open up for what they have told us would become "moderate to heavy use traffic. It is very concerning that the county wants heavy vehicle traffic to an area that is critical wildlife habitat. I have seen what has been done with heavy use traffic in the government draw area near Hudson when there is heavy off road vehicle use. There is significant amounts of glass, household garbage and shot gun shells in some areas. The two track roads are severely rutted and there are many wash outs and beautiful rock formations have been destroyed, littered and abused.

This area is isolated, so it will be very difficult to monitor it's use and a lot of damage may be done quickly. The road is very slippery when wet and the county has stated that it will not improve the last mile or so of the road. Neighbors in this area are being asked frequently to pull out cars that are stuck in the parking area right on the highway. We are very concerned that opening this up to vehicle traffic will create a big burden on those living out here as more cars will be getting into slick areas where they will have difficulty driving and getting out. Even horseback riding it can be very slippery and muddy in the spring and I had a horse slip and fall while I was riding this road.

I would like to request that the use stay as it is. Absolutely no vehicle traffic at any time of the year, and restrict human presence to 6 months. With the resent discovery of the significant mule deer population decrease, it seems that continuing to protect this area would only help to provide a little more undisturbed habitat. We have a good population of mule deer in this area, so it seems wise to keep disturbance to a minimum to allow them to strengthen their numbers.

The area across the highway at the BLM land we call the "Bus" is a much easier place for people to go and walk their dogs, ride horses, graze cattle and hike. Even with the high visability there many people have witnessed motorcylces riding in after reading and choosing to ignore the "No vehicle" signs.

Please consider keeping this tract of land as restricted use so we can keep healthy wildlife populations, and minimize impact of those that live out here. Please continue to keep vehicles completely off this land but allow for those who want to enjoy low impact activities to do so. There are so many areas that allow vehicles it doesn't seem it would be an impact to have this restricted since it has never been used in this way before.

Thank you,  
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