

successfully fought threats to drill in its headwaters.

The answer as to where to allow practice for the Snow King Hill Climb is — nowhere. And this episode further brings into question the legitimacy of the Hill Climb in the first place, especially with Jackson's new role as a leader in environmental policies designed to inspire others. It's only a matter of time before motorized sports (using fossil fuels) become illegal.

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Serve all user groups

*[Note: This letter was addressed to the Bridger-Teton National Forest's Jackson District ranger. — Eds.]*

I can imagine that you are already receiving a lot of feedback regarding the closing of Cache Creek to dogs for the week of March 18-25. The thing that upsets me is that I know exactly why this is taking place. I walk my dogs up the Cache Creek road every day. I constantly see people being irresponsible pet owners. I have handed numerous people green bags for their dog waste over the years. I have also witnessed numerous wildlife encounters, not only with dogs but also with people. While I understand why this is taking place, I feel that you are unfairly singling out dog owners.

As an avid user of the Cache Creek drainage I have had my fair share of experiences with other trail users. I have nearly been hit by snowmobilers (and my dogs, too), been run over by out-of-control sledders, watched ignorant people approach wildlife, been taken out by people skiing or trying to jump the road, stepped in numerous piles of stinking horse waste and been run over by bikers not using trail etiquette. If you see the need to discipline dog owners for their behavior, why are these other issues not being addressed? Is it just a case of the squeaky wheel getting the grease?

In addition, why is Cache Creek being singled out? If you ever walk over by Emily's Pond you know that there is dog waste everywhere, not to mention wildlife encounters. I can't even begin to count the number of times I have watched dogs chase waterfowl over there.

If you would like to manage this area successfully, you need to address all of the issues facing the Cache Creek drainage and the surrounding areas — not just one. Public lands should accommodate all user groups or none of them.

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