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Dear Forest Service,

As residents of Camp Connell in Calaveras County, Stanislaus National Forest is our back yard, and we are vitally concerned about what happens there. As a retired forest ecologist, my wife and I spend a lot of our leisure time in the Forest, in all seasons of the year. We know that National Forests are described as "The land of many uses", and we realize that this requires a delicate balance between consumptive and dominating uses (e.g. logging, grazing, mining, hunting, and OHV and snowmobile recreation) and more passive uses (e.g. fishing, hiking, rock-climbing, kayaking, photography, sight-seeing, and cross-country skiing). Preserving wildlife habitat and water quality are also important functions of National Forest lands, though they are not exactly "uses".

We urge you to consider that consumptive and dominating uses can totally eliminate the possibility of more passive uses and also eliminate the possibility of preserving intact pieces of our environment. We urge you to protect more of our forest from these more intrusive uses, in order to fulfill your mandate to be a land of many uses, not just a few uses. We urge you to implement Alternative 3 of the Over-Snow Vehicle Plan, instead of your "preferred" plan, alternative 5. Alternative 3 protects more "pristine" (i.e. currently minimally impacted) areas from being dominated by noise, air pollution, compaction, and threat to wildlife habitat by snowmobiles. In addition, it adds more non-controversial forest areas to snowmobile use. It sounds like a win-win alternative to us.

Sincerely,

Larry and Ginny Hunt