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Hi Katie,  
Not sure if you got this.

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Attached find the Alpine County Board of Supervisors' comment letter to the USFS about OSV designation. The consensus at the last BVBA meeting was that we would wait to hear from Terry Woodrow after the October 2 public meeting. It appears that there were no substantive changes at that meeting.

So I think it's time to draft the BVBA comment letter. We generally support the status quo. The Supervisors' letter mostly supports that, which is Alternative 4. The "preferred alternative" #5 takes away motorized access off the trail past Lake Alpine and in Bear Trap Basin. The local non-motorized contingent long ago conceded these areas as unimportant to XC skiers in exchange for their exclusive use of other areas, which the motorized people also long ago agreed to.

The groups trying to further restrict access have several motives, one of which is that they hope to expand the Wilderness designation for areas. Restricting motorized access is viewed as a prelude to such future designation. This piecemeal approach to Wilderness designation is low level politicking. We can have the discussion about designation in the future, and we should not prejudice the case by half-baked measures now.

Eric Jung

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**From:** Terry Woodrow [<mailto:twoodrow@alpinecountyca.gov>]  
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**Subject:** Comments on Stanislaus OSV Designation from Alpine County Board of Supervisors

Good morning,

Please accept the attached comment letter regarding the Stanislaus OSV Designation from Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

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**COUNTY OF ALPINE**  
**Board of Supervisors**

September 18, 2018

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Subject: Comments on Stanislaus OSV Designation

Dear Jason Kuiken:

Alpine County appreciates meeting with you and the Stanislaus National Forest staff at the recent Open House on September 6th to discuss the Stanislaus National Forest Over-Snow Use Designation Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Sonora.

As you know, the Lake Alpine Sno-Park area in Alpine County is one of the most popular Sno-Parks in California and with Alpine County being 96% public land and 55% designated wilderness, we heavily rely on tourism in our county. "Tourism" is our economy! Alpine County cannot afford to lose any OSV recreational use areas. The multi-use groomed trail in the Lake Alpine region is used by both motorized and non-motorized users. The higher altitude, cross-country OSV areas provide opportunities for expert OSV users, and is rarely accessed by non-motorized users. Alpine County wishes to see continued access to these historically desirable, high-country destinations for over-snow, motorized visitors and supports the Alternative Map 4 as the Preferred Alternative.

The Preferred Alternative Map 5 proposes that the Pacific Valley Near Natural Area (the area between Pacific Valley and Highland Lakes Road) experience a significant decrease in OSV recreation opportunities (sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 19, 38, 25, 28, 32, and 34). This area has historically been accessed by the more advanced over-snow vehicles for a premium quality OSV recreation experience. This is one of the only areas that captures a higher level of recreational riding, as opposed to riding strictly on the groomed Highway 4 trail. This high-altitude area experiences the deepest snow depths on Ebbetts Pass. Therefore, Alpine County supports including additional acreage in the Pacific Valley area for cross-country OSV use as proposed in the Alternative Map 4.

The Preferred Alternative Map 5 also proposes significant restrictions to over-snow motorized vehicle use in the area of Bear Trap Basin (sections 10, 11, 3, and 2). This area also has a long historic use of over-snow motorized vehicles and is rarely accessed by the over-snow non-motorized users. Therefore, Alpine County supports including additional acreage for cross-country OSV use as proposed in the Alternative Map 4.

Alpine County is sensitive to the importance of balancing environmental concerns and the protection against resource damage in our recreational use areas, but we feel that using these areas in the winter, with minimum depths of 12 and 24 inches of snow, would not cause resource damage.

Alpine County encourages the Stanislaus National Forest to support Alternative Map 4 as their Preferred Alternative which also includes the Clark's Fork OSV trail which runs through Tuolumne and Alpine Counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this DEIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Jardine", written over the printed name.

Don Jardine, Chair  
Alpine County Board of Supervisors

cc: Sheriff Rick Stephens, Alpine County  
Congressman Tom McClintock  
Senator Ted Gaines  
Assemblymember Frank Bigelow