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Dear Forest Supervisor Jason Kuiken,

RE: Comments on Stanislaus National Forest OSV Use Designation Draft EIS

I grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. Since the 1970s I have been coming to the Sierra Nevada mountains to hike, backpack, ski and otherwise enjoy the mountains. For the last decade and more I have joined my partner in using his family's summer cabins in the Stanislaus National Forest as jumping off points for exploring the forests and lakes and trails in the area. One cabin is in the Cow Creek Summer Home Tract and another is on Forest Service Road 5N01. We enjoy coming to these cabins to relax, refresh, appreciate the flora and fauna, look for sightings of birds and mammals, relish in the calm, quiet surroundings, and thoroughly enjoy the natural, untrammeled, unmarked-by-human vistas, where they exist.

We are distressed by the negative impact of uncontrolled access of the OSVs to this natural setting. We see tracks that OSVs have left in low snow and bare areas, in meadows, on hillsides. We are concerned about the effect of noise and heavy machines on flora and fauna. Allowing these huge, noisy powerful machines in and around Near Natural designated areas is not acceptable.

I am very concerned about the impact of humans on the environment in general, and welcome regulation that minimizes those impacts.

I urge the Forest Service to adopt a plan that will reduce to a minimum the use of OSV's in the Stanislaus forest. I believe Alternate 5 would come closest to meeting my desired outlook.

Thank you for the meetings and sharing of plans and the opportunity to comment.

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