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The Friends of Hope Valley is a nonprofit organization whose members share a deep affection for the unspoiled beauty of the sierra's eastern slope of Alpine country. Our mission is to preserve of the scenic, recreational and historic use of Hope Valley and Alpine County.

This letter is in regards to the recent decision on the El Dorado OSV proposal, alt 5.

We object to the section between Caples Lake and the Sierra Crest, reaching south to Highway 88. There are multiple concerns with having this section open to snowmobile use:

There is no staging area along the 88 corridor, the highway is narrow and has no parking and/or snowmobile staging areas along it. The number of large trucks has increased tenfold in recent years, making it even more dangerous. The road at the Cal Trans facility is close in the winter. The Kirkwood Cross Country parking lot is for skiers only. Looks like the area at the Sno Park at Carson Pass is not snowmobile friendly.

This section has several Kirkwood Cross Country Ski trails looping above the Schneider Camp road, this will cause a conflict of interest. Snowmobiles will destroy the groomed trails, there's danger of accidents between skiers and snowmobiles. The two forms of recreation are not compatible.

Snowmobiles will end up crossing the crest and going into Miess Meadow. Signage will be necessary. Hopefully the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is aware of this plan.

Our group was one of the key players in creating the Alpine Country Winter Recreation Plan completed in 2010. Various user groups spend six months working together to establish a plan that works for all sides. It was been very successful, in part because we designated areas that were for motorize and non-motorize use. As well as parking and staging areas for both users.

Thank you,
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