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As a resident of Tuolumne County and a lover of our Sierra Nevada mountain areas, I am writing to advocate for the adoption of Alternative 3 of the Over-Snow-Vehicle Plan EIS. I am a backpacker and cross country skier and I also enjoy snow-shoeing. The quietness of the backcountry is so important to me. I love sharing that with family and friends.

With the adoption of this alternative, more areas will be opened to snowmobiles in non-controversial forest areas but the Pacific Valley roadless area and the Eagle roadless area would be preserved. I, consequently, oppose Alternative 5 and ask that you vote for Alternative 3.

We love the wildlife of the Sierras and are concerned that the opening of roadless areas in the high Sierras will cause the Sierra Nevada red fox to be driven into remote elevations where they are more vulnerable to predators. The snow-packed roadless roads created by snow mobiles also allow coyotes to invade the red fox territory, something they had not previously been susceptible to.

Please think carefully about a balance for preserving the quiet recreation of our Sierra mountains, protecting our wild creatures, and opening appropriate trails/roads for snowmobile use. Vote for Alternative 3, please.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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