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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jason Kuiken,

I value the human-powered winter recreation opportunities provided by the Stanislaus National Forest. To help ensure that both motorized and non-motorized winter recreation can continue to thrive on the forest without conflict or resource damage, I look forward to a thoughtful winter travel plan that designates for OSV use in places that get sufficient snow and where there will not be conflict with other uses.

The Stanislaus is popular with skiers and snowshoers, who have long visited the forest because of easy access to snow provided by Highways 4 and 108. With ever-increasing numbers of human-powered winter recreationists, it's important that the Forest Service consider how best to protect highly valued non-motorized recreation areas, and to manage these areas so they continue to provide quality non-motorized recreation experiences into the future.

Alternative 3 designates snowmobile use in places that are ecologically appropriate and in balance with other uses on the forest. It is the only Alternative that recognizes and protects important and historically utilized areas for human-powered winter recreation. It is also the only Alternative that doesn't propose to amend the Forest Plan to reward decades of unauthorized snowmobile use in recommended wilderness and non-motorized "near natural" areas. You should not designate any part of any recommended wilderness or near natural areas for OSV use.

For these reasons, I support Alternative 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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