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Comments: I recently attended the open house you had in Sonora regarding the new forest plan and the closure of areas to use of over snow vehicles. Thank you for your time in taking and seriously thinking about public comments.

My family and friends very much enjoy snowmobiling. We have been riding the Upper Highway 4 Corridor for over 20 years. It has been a bonding experience and a great way to teach our children how to enjoy and respect the vast mountains.

I was very disappointed to see that your preferred proposal 5 did not include the Bear Valley Ski Area. I do understand that it is used for a ski area most of the season but traditionally once the Ski area closes many families like to ride the open terrain in a celebration of the spring and winter ending. If I could choose one place to leave open to rider's this would be it. The ski resort uses the area for nearly the entire season. They run snow cats and groomers there on a daily basis. I do not understand why this would need to be closed for riders after their contract is up?

Restricting use of upper bowls in Pacific Valley and the ridge connecting Pacific Valley to Mosquito Lake and the area toward Highland Lakes would be a real disappointment. There is only enough trail riding on proposed #5 for beginner and intermediate riders. Any advance rider would want to ride these areas.

I do agree with the proposal that over snow riding should only take place with 2 feet of snow. Less than that there is possible harm to the forest.

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