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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My wife and I have a cabin in the Leland Meadow area above Strawberry. Although we had been skiing at Dodge Ridge for decades, we decided to purchase a cabin in 2011. After searching up and down the Sierra Nevada range for months, we settled on Leland Meadows. The reason for this was the amazing access to public lands during the summer and winter months. The entire neighborhood shares a passion for outdoor use including snowmobiling in the snowy months. Some of my fondest memories in recent years has been on the seat of a snowmobile. The sheer beauty of being in snow covered forest with friends and family has no rival. Our preferred riding areas all spawn from the Herring Creek Loop (4N12). From that we drop off into meadows and climb to scenic lookouts. Gargoyles, Pinecrest Peak, Eagle Peak, Groundhog Meadows and Eagle Meadows are some examples of pristine riding.

My preferred mode of action would be to have no change in riding area. Restricting riding area will cause similar problems to other parks which have started to shrink. A great example of this is Oceano Dunes. Shrinking acreage tenfold with the same, if not more number of enthusiasts caused hazardous conditions.

The economic impact will also be severe. Real estate value and local business revenue will decrease if the many outdoor enthusiasts avoid the area. As a property tax paying citizen, I hope my voice on this matter will be considered.

Regards

Jim Johnston