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Comments: Our family has now 3 generations of snowmobilers enjoying Eagle Meadows and Sonora Pass. Our family cabin sits on 20 beautiful acres in Long Valley off 5N01. Purchased in the 60s by our family we have a cabin built in my fathers memory. The winter time is when we enjoy this family cabin and the surrounding area the most. Our family snowmobiles Long valley and all its beauty. Riding the drainages, hills and climbing to the hill tops surrounding it. Sardine Meadow is where my kids have learned to ride. Its a beautiful open area giving them opportunity to explore with ease. I am looking forward to many more generations of my family enjoying Eagle Meadows, Long Valley, Herring Creek & Sonora Pass.

Growing up I enjoyed riding Herring Creek loop, Castle Rock and all the hillsides and meadows surrounding it. This is a very popular area for riding. We use this area as a alternate access our cabin. We access our cabin from castle rock down into Eagle Meadow to 5N01.

Sonora pass is a legendary riding area that people from all over the United States have traveled to and ride. This is a tourism area that our local economy needs. Snowmobilers stay in hotels, eat at restaurants and purchase gas at our local business's. The Forest Service has expressed how important the local recreation and tourism is. If you close down riding areas this will take a hit to the local business's.

Snowmobiling is not about riding trails. Backcountry snowmobiling is about exploring new areas. Getting to the top of the mountain. Challenging yourself in new terrain. Enjoying the beautiful snow covered mountains and the outdoors. This has been a lifelong passion of our family.

The Stanislaus Forest OSV use should have absolutely no change. None of your maps should be considered in this process. NO change to the current use should be made. "Near Natural" does not apply to Over Snow vehicles.

We already have such a small area to ride. By giving us less riding area will cause more congestion and a great risk of accidents. Snowmobiles do not make direct contact with snow, water or vegetation. Therefor should not have the same restrictions as OHV. No science and no facts show snowmobiles are a threat to these areas. Again no change should be made to Mill Creek access and Herring Creek loop: inside the loop, North of loop, east of loop. Eagle Meadow/Long Valley everything south of main road. North and east of long Valley. Proposing 12" Minimum depth including roadways. Top of Sonora Pass to remain open to snowmobilers.

Forest service can not restrict access of property owners to private property. Your proposed maps do this. Access to our property should be allowed from all areas.