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Comments: Comments on Stanislaus OSV Designation

Dear Forest Service,

I wish to comment on the OSV DEIS. My comments are restricted to the Calaveras Ranger District and in particular the Bear Valley vicinity, which is the area in which I live and recreate. I am in general agreement with and support Alternative 5 (preferred alternative). I feel it does a reasonable job of balancing motorized and non-motorized use.

However, if any modifications are considered to the above alternative 5, there are two points on which I wish to strongly voice my opinion.

First: There should absolutely be NO motorized use in the Round Valley/Horse Canyon/Bee Gulch areas. These areas are, and have historically been, favorite and intensely used places for backcountry skiers. Any motorized use would be incompatible with non-motorized use for reasons of safety, noise, alteration of snow/ski surface conditions, and general aesthetics.

Second: There should be NO grooming of the Slick Rock Road which connects Lake Alpine to Utica Reservoir. This area is close enough to the Bear Valley Cross Country ski trails such that noise from OSV's (many of which have extremely loud "tuned exhausts") would have a very negative impact upon those who have chosen cross country skiing for its "peace and quiet".

Sincerely,

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