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Comments: Comments on Stanislaus OSV Designation

Dear Forest Service Staff,

Though in my 60's, I remember the feeling of elation cross country skiing out of my cabin in Skyhigh while snow was falling silently. Through the trees, the soft snow muffling my movement up the slope to Mattley Ridge, along it for a little ways, and then dropping into Jelmini Basin. I treasured the silence. Unfortunately, for some days, it was broken by din and odor of snowmobiles in areas that were supposed to be off-limits to motorized vehicles.

Please, in the proposed leading alternative, also include the following areas to be set aside for non-motorized use.

- Mattley Ridge
- Osborne Hill and Lake Alpine
- Cabbage Patch to Black Spring
- Herring Creek Road
- Big Meadow

Alternatively, adopt alternative 3, one that completely complies with existing regulations while minimizing conflict between snowmobiles and free heel skiers. I don't feel that we should reward existing egress on Near Natural areas in violation of the Forest Plan, by amending it to reduce the Near Natural areas in favor of snowmobiles.

Sincerely,

Richard Mandel