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Comments: Attached find the Alpine County Board of Supervisors' comment letter to the USFS about OSV designation. The consensus at the last BVBA meeting was that we would wait to hear from Terry Woodrow after the October 2 public meeting. It appears that there were no substantive changes at that meeting.

So I think it's time to draft the BVBA comment letter. We generally support the status quo. The Supervisors' letter mostly supports that, which is Alternative 4. The "preferred alternative" #5 takes away motorized access off the trail past Lake Alpine and in Bear Trap Basin. The local non-motorized contingent long ago conceded these areas as unimportant to XC skiers in exchange for their exclusive use of other areas, which the motorized people also long ago agreed to.

The groups trying to further restrict access have several motives, one of which is that they hope to expand the Wilderness designation for areas. Restricting motorized access is viewed as a prelude to such future designation. This piecemeal approach to Wilderness designation is low level politicking. We can have the discussion about designation in the future, and we should not prejudice the case by half-baked measures now.