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Subject: Stanislaus National Forest Over-snow Vehicle Use Designation Project

My name is Mary Krupka and I am commenting on the Stanislaus NF proposed OSV decision. I am part of the Sonora Pass Snowmobile Club that uses both, the HWY 108 and HWY 4 corridors for snowmobiling.

In this particular letter, I am going to write about the area between Haypress Meadow and the Silver Mine and the cabin/private property owners in this area.

When riding this past weekend (March 30 and 31st), I got to talk to a few cabin/property owners from this area and they were concerned with the Non-OSV designation right next to their property. They were wondering how they could ride to their property without breaking the law? They don't want to be blocked from using their property during the winter, because they enjoy being out there, thus the purchase of the land.

Another interesting part about this riding area is that it is mostly technical riders who can get to it. This past weekend, the only other people I saw, near this place were the two FS Rangers and a guest. Lesser riders can get there, but they need a group to help them out and it takes work, that many are not willing to put into a ride. As you can see, in the attached picture, the snow is deep! The Clark's (pictured) own this cabin that is buried under many, many many feet of snow. With this type of snow being a common thing in this area, we are riding on 7-15 feet of snow pack, and the evidence of our presence melts away. With the limited use, our presence is very minimal when speaking of animals or trees.

During the summer months, these areas are open for travel. The public can drive through the private property on a designated road and then look at or hike to Relief Res. and there are other trails that people are allowed to hike, yet snowmobiling is being blocked. How can this be? If it is being determined that OSV will disrupt the White Pine and Red Foxes during the winter, why can OSV, cars and hikers use the area during the summer?

I am asking that the area between Haypress Meadow, Red Rock Meadow, Relief Res. and Lower Relief Res. remain open for those who can get there. With the property owners wanting access to their cabins and the limited amount of riders who use that area, it seems like an easy area to open up. The property owner have a legal basis to have access to their property and if the summer users can enjoy the area, the winter users should be able to as well.

Thank you for your time.

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