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USDA Forest Service

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

1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592.

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Deborah Wittman and I am writing to file an objection to the proposed decision for OSV on the Stanislaus National Forest. I have attached my previous comments for reference.

I believe the area to the south of red rock meadow should be included in the OSV plan and was an unfortunate oversight. I believe it should be included for the following reasons:

1. This area is a very desirable are to ride, if not one of the most desirable riding areas. This is primarily due to the elevation and enormous snow depth. The area has a fairly flat topography and lends itself well to intermediate to very advanced riders.

2. This area has always been used for riding. There has been no environmental evidence, conflict evidence, or other logical evidence presented as to why and area that has always been used for riding is now suddenly "off limits". I believe we need greater acreage to also minimize impacts that could arise with concentrated OSV use.

3. I am concerned that many property owners in this area are now not allowed to snowmobile off their property. This will greatly impact their winter use and property values. I also believe it unnecessarily subjects this plan to litigation.

4. The most obvious boundary line that decreases accidental intrusion into non OSV use is the current Wilderness boundary to the south. That is where the boundary line should remain. The eastern boundary that would be easy to identify would be the ridge line just east of Haypress meadow (on attached map).

5. Most of the area that is desirable to ride is immediately to the south of red rock meadow. The area where 5N01 crosses private property on its way to relief reservoir is less desirable but should be included so the property owners in the area are able to exit their properties to access the aforementioned "more desirable" terrain.

6. I have included a map of the area in question and the terrain that I feel should be added for OSV use in the winter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wittman