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Subject: Objection

"Potential for conflict between motorized OSV use and non-motorized recreation use of the PCT is further reduced in my Decision (Alternative 5-Modified) by implementing a season of use for the portion of the Hwy 108 cross-country OSV use area located at Sonora Pass (411 acres, FEIS Map 5). This season of use would close the area designated adjacent to the PCT to motorized OSV use by April 15"

I am writing to object to this part of The Stanislaus decision. This part of Sonora Pass is not a part of the Bridgeport Recreation Area. We use it in the spring on big winters to access ski touring with our snowmobiles before the road is opened. Winters as big as this one will keep the pass closed for months after April 15. The decision to close the pass to OSV will cut off people in the Mammoth area from enjoying one of the best high elevation access areas.

The PCT already crosses a highway. What is the difference between lots of hikers seeing lots of cars all summer or almost no hikers seeing a few OSV users or tracks in the spring. In 20 years of sledding and backcountry skiing Sonora Pass I have still never seen anyone hiking the PCT in winter or tracks along the PCT in winter. People don't decide to not hike the PCT in winter because they might see a snowmobile. People don't hike the PCT in winter because it's a dangerous miserable thing to do! This conflict is imaginary in the minds of a few people that want to support their personal agendas.