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Subject: Stanislaus National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Use Designation

Jason Kuiken, Forest Service

This is an objection to the Boundary at Red Rock Creek and the Haypress area. The decision states that there are private property issues with easements etc. along 05N01 and 20EV77. I'm not sure I understand this statement as there are homeowners that access their property in the winter and you are not going to allow any riding in this area. This is some of the best area to ride, Mega Bowl, the Silver Mine, East Flange Rock area and all the area overlooking Relief Reservoir as well as Red Rock Meadow. If there is one property owner that does not wish his property crossed then it seems a good suggestion to have him post his property with no trespassing signs instead of denying access to all other owners that use their property in the winter and snowmobilers that have been riding this area for over 25 to 30 years.

Regarding the Sonora Pass area being closed to snowmobilers based on April 15th only limits OSV users on Hwy 108. You state that you hope that other areas you have opened provide spring riding. What you fail to take into consideration is that this is the only area with access to elevations that will still have snow in the Spring, especially seasons like this past one. To my knowledge there has been no recorded user conflicts in this area after the opening of the highway around Memorial Day. If the Sierra Nevada Red Fox is truly denning in this area (we have yet to see any pictures) I was told by the Wildlife Biologist that where they would den we would not have access to because of terrain. If the population that snowshoes/cross country skis is on the left side of the highway as you are going to the top of the pass and the snowmobilers are required to stay on the right side of the highway, it seems that there would be no issues or conflicts. I don't believe there are any recorded conflicts.

Lastly Funny how the Off Road Community has to be the one always to lose area for our Hobby or Sport, I believe as the Travel Management Plan doesn't point out that has to a loss of anything , just that there has to be a Travel Management Plan as for years we the Off Road Community has had a Plan that we followed and it was

The Wilderness Boundaries and that seems to be the most logical way to Manage this, as this Plan is written now with weird boundaries it will hard for anyone to know where you are suppose to not suppose to be , there has been so much work in Studies that show OSV's has little to none of the points that any one group has said that OSV's have on the enviroerment . I believe this is being brought up by groups with specific agendas.

Thank you for taking this objection into consideration

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