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May 13, 2019

Regional Forester
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Vallejo, CA 94592

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

To Whom it May Concern:

I write to express my concerns with the proposed decision regarding over-snow vehicle (OSV) use on project 46311.

Following the 2013 District Court ruling regarding the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) management of over-snow vehicle routes and usage areas, several national forests have drafted management plans to regulate these vehicles. This includes the proposed decision for OSV management on project 46311 in Stanislaus National Forest.

As described in Eagle Meadow Road and Property Owners Association's objection letter, the proposed management plan in Stanislaus National Forest restricts OSV use within arbitrary boundaries along the Red Rock and Eagle Meadows. The proposed plan would create sizable buffers (e.g. restrictions) around certain private properties in an area that is commonly used for snowmobiling by both recreationalists and nearby property owners. These private properties and Eagle Meadow Road lack distinguishable land marks when covered in snow, thus forest users would find it difficult to determine whether they are operating OSVs on restricted property.

When properly operated and managed, over-snow vehicles do not make direct contact with soil, water, or vegetation, and therefore should not be subject to the same restrictions as traditional motor vehicles. For these reasons, I ask that the USFS re-evaluate this plan to ensure they do not restrict the use of over-snow vehicles beyond scientific or safety justifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom McClintock".

Tom McClintock