

Stanislaus National Forest OSV Project (46311)
Comments RE: Alternative Map 5 (Modified)

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I would like to take the opportunity to applaud all those who stuck with this process for all these years. It is evident that the review committee read all the comments.

I ride both off Highway 108 where I have property in the forest and on Highway 4 where I have a home in Bear Valley Village. I work and ride out of this area..

My comments on the Highway 4 corridor are short and sweet. You did listen and gave us back these areas that we normally recreationally ride in. Thank you for this.

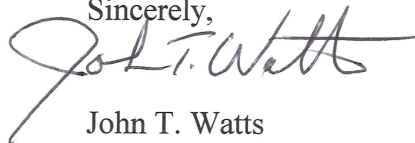
On the Highway 108 corridor with the snow park at a much lower elevation you did listen and allowed us alternative routes to the riding areas above 6,000 ft.

36 CFR 218 (Objection) One area that was not included as open is a highly used area from Red Rock Meadow South to East Flange Rock. This area is easily accessed from several routes which do not cross private property. Solution: I feel the private property owners who wish to keep motorized vehicles off their land have the right and the responsibility to clearly post their boundaries. The USFS should respect these property owners but it is not their job to protect private property.

Regarding amendments to the forest plan which will allow changes so that this map can be implemented as shown I am in full support. The designation "NEAR NATURAL" was presented to us when we were working on the forest plan as a designation to allow a visual summer use. It was not to be used for restricting over snow vehicles.

In closing I want to thank you again for listening and taking the local interest to heart. This plan should work for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John T. Watts", with a stylized, flowing script.

John T. Watts



HIGHLIGHTED AREA

IS THE AREA I AM REFERRING TO

RED ROCK MEADOW

SOUTH TO EAST FLANGE ROCK

**THIS
AREA**