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Comments: In regards to the SNF OSV Designation I support alternative #2. If there was an alternative to open more areas I would support that alternative. I don't want to see any more of our public land use limited due to special interest groups. I personally participate in both OSV use and human powered backcountry travel primarily for skiing. There are applicable areas for both parties to find solitude in the SNF during the winter. I personally ride the Sonora Pass Hwy 108 area frequently throughout the winter. In 9 years at Sonora Pass I have never had "user conflict" with a human powered backcountry traveler. In addition, we frequent Hwy 4 Bear Valley and the Ebbetts Pass area. We travel to these areas and support the local economy buying supplies, fuel, food and lodging. Local businesses will be impacted as we will be forced to use other riding areas that are further away. The primary interest groups that want to close riding areas are not locals.

Specifically the DEIS notes that "user conflict" is an issue. However these areas don't see human powered backcountry travel for several miles in the winter. In addition, the PCT is under 20ft of snow and is not used during the winter months. Reducing riding areas and PCT crossing points we will create unsafe congestion in small areas. Pushing OSV use in smaller areas closer to limited access points will create more noise and user conflict than allowing OSV users to spread out. Do you want 100 OSV users in 684,505 acres, or do you want 100 OSV users in 97,763 acres? A loss of 85% of our public riding areas is simply unacceptable.

New machines are much more environmentally friendly. In addition, snow depth is not a concern as riders don't want to destroy their machines. In summer months you can't physically tell where OSV use has been.

Winter backcountry travel is growing nationally with both OSV use and human powered travel. Simply put.....it's what the public wants. However, the proposed alternatives move things in the wrong direction with access to our public lands.

Thank you for your consideration.