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Comments: I support Alternative #2 of the SNF OSV Designation proposal. Its unfortunate to see efforts to take away OSV recreation areas all over the country and throughout the Sierra's lately. I enjoy both motorized and non-motorized recreation in these areas. To the contrary I believe that there should be another alternative to open more space to OSV use and provide well groomed trails to access the areas. In other areas of the Country and in Canada there are miles of well groomed trails that allow more efficient and safe travel throughout OSV use areas. Conflicts are bound to happen between people with firmly held opinions on "who deserves to be here". Those people are the problem and we should not have to modify plans to appease hard headed people who are intolerant of others. This is national land and should be open to all of it's people to enjoy. as for environmental impacts there is ample snow in this area covering the ground most years and compared to summer recreation activities OSV use is minimal. as for the noise or pollution aspect of snowmobiles: most OSV users are locals and are not driving from the Bay Area or other places hundreds of miles away to get here. that alone is a large difference in carbon footprint. Very soon snowmobiles as well as cars will be electric which is obviously cleaner and quieter all around.

So given the proposal at hand I chose Alternative #2.

however, I would recommend to all future and current proposals for OSV use to consider not just limiting but expanding our areas.

thanks,

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