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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Curtis Schoon and I grew up snowmobiling here in the Region of the Stanislaus National Forest! The thought of not being able to snowmobile is heartbreaking, considering that I've been riding these mountains my whole life. I enjoy riding from the sno park to the top of Sonora Pass, also Leavitt Lake when that is permitted and it seems that is always in question. The other side of Sonora Pass out to Wolf Creek. One of my personal favorites is the Herring Creek loop rd, also off of Cow Creek and out to the ridge of Castle Rock. The 5N01(Eagle Meadows rd.) the loop rd there and out passed Eagle Meadows and everything in between, as well as the outer edge out to the Uranium Mine aka Silver Mine. And just next to that Long Valley another all time favorite of mine. When the snow is to high, I enjouy riding the highway 4 corridor as well, Pacific Valley out to High Lands etc... These riding areas bring our family and friends together, and for some of us such as myself keep me away trouble and are one of the only escapes I have from the things in life that bring me down. It's not only that we want to keep the ability to just have a designated route to these particular places, it's the challenge of boon docking and riding the back country and the technical challenges involved and levels of competition we choose to push ourselves to endure, with in safe meaning. Not just groomed trails and or 15 foot wide paths to get to these places, we love to go all over the mountain. Personally im not big on trail riding, but I do not hurt the environment when Im out there. But I use the trails to get home, and I just want to thank you for listening to us all and giving us some what of a fighting chance! These Forests get snow on them and we enjoy having them open, when the snow melts our OSV choice of travel is not a factor and its one of the only forms of travel that don't hurt the environment. I also enjoy fishing, camping, hiking, and these Forests are our right to have available to us to recreate! I do not litter in them and I always respect the environment in them! I hope that my comment gets taken into consideration! Thank You