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Comments: To whom it may concern,

This is to comment on The Stanislaus National Forest Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) use Designation #46311

I am an avid user of The Stanislaus National Forest. My primary usage area, enjoyed every week, is defined by the following boundaries:

*North: Salt Spring Reservoir

*South: HW4

*East: Bear Valley

*West: CAL-FIRE Hermit Springs Forest Fire Station

This area is directly accessible from my Property located at: 1514 Alpine Vista (SkyHigh Lot #112), Arnold, CA 95223. Access restriction for OSV of this area would have a direct negative impact on my ability to enjoy snowmobiling and consequently reduce the value of my property. The same impact would apply to my 100+ neighbors at SkyHigh and indirectly affect the local economy in the vicinity of Bear Valley.

I also frequently use other areas of The Stanislaus National Forest accessible from both the Spicer and Lake Alpine Snoparks. I particularly enjoy the access to Highland lakes.

Please note that in addition of being a fervent snowmobiler, I also regularly practice "human-powered" activities (particularly Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing) in the same areas. I can attest that "human-powered" activities and OSV coexist in harmony in the above areas. Please note that Winter Wildlands Alliance and Snowlands Network are not representing all "human-powered" winter activities enthusiasts. They definitely do not represent me in their attempt to further restrict access to OSV outside the designated Wilderness. In fact snowmobiling enables me to reach and explore with snowshoes areas too far for snowshoe day trip.

Consequently I support Alternative 2 with additional designations for OSV routes based on the current network of fire roads/trails as shown on the 1:24,000 maps CALAVERAS DOME and TAMARACK. Including all roads/trails accessible via the 7N09 loop and 7N11/7N88Y/7N35 to Bear Valley.

Sincerely,

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