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Comments: I oppose adoption of Alternative 5 for the Stanislaus Forest OSV Recreation Management Plan. This alternative threatens the wilderness qualities of the scenic Pacific Valley and Eagle roadless areas, degrades quiet winter recreation opportunities in these areas, and threatens the endangered Sierra Nevada red fox. Not only does snowmobile noise disturb sensitive wildlife struggling to survive during bleak winter conditions, coyotes can use the compressed tracks of snowmobiles to access the deep snows of the high country to predate on this rare fox. I urge adoption of Alternative 3 instead, which keeps the Pacific Valley and Eagle roadless areas closed to winter motorized use, retains opportunities for quiet human-powered winter recreation, and protects the Sierra Nevada red fox. Yes, this is a copy and paste format type letter, but I cannot be more seriously concerned about the use of snowmobiles in the high elevation quiet areas of the Pacific Valley and Eagle roadless areas.

Roadless means ROADLESS and snowmobiles are a motor vehicle which in my personal thoughts should be banned from any high elevation forested area. These areas are for first the wildlife that lives there and secondly, for quiet human visitation. Please keep these roadless areas closed to vehicles.