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Comments: I love the Sierra Nevada mountains and their wilderness areas and I oppose adoption of Alternative 5 for the Stanislaus Forest OSV Recreation Management Plan.

The wild areas that countless noble individuals have worked hard to preserve in the Sierra Nevadas are a treasure to all who can find it in their hearts to appreciate them and are a rare treasure in a state that can feel as crowded and developed as CA.

Alternative 5 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. Following in the legacy of John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt, 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.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
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