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Comments: re: Stanislaus National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation #46311

I'm writing to offer my support for the "status quo" (or to expand the current riding areas) for snowmobile use in the Stanislaus National Forest.

I hope actually that the snowmobile areas could actually be expanded and not reduced.

My family and I live in Arnold and snowmobiling is a big part of what we do during the winter. We like to go to Hermit Valley to picnic and to Pacific Valley and Highlands lakes to ride around in the bowls. We enjoy riding in Stanislaus Meadow too. We occasional ride out to Spicer in the spring.

One of our favorite activities after the end of the ski season is to ride our snowmobiles at Bear Valley. It is a safe and easily accessible area to ride.

At Bear Valley, I often give rides to snowboarders up to the top of the mountain so they can get in more riding with less effort.

Snowmobiling has been a big part of the Stanislaus for the highway 4 corridor many years.

Please insure that snowmobiles in the future will still be able to access all their favorite areas.

Thanks, Neil Kruse