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Comments: As a person who enjoys the Carson Iceberg Wilderness I STRONGLY oppose adoption of Alternative 5 for the Stanislaus Forest OSV Recreation Management Plan. It's bad for 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. Snowmobiles and their noise not only disturb sensitive wildlife struggling to survive during bleak winter conditions, but also 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. Please protect the area, the fox, and let us enjoy the peace and quiet while we snowshoe.