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Comments: To whom this may concern,

I am a resident of Bear Valley, business owner and outdoor enthusiast. Alpine County is one of the most incredible places in California and I am very blessed to live there. My business thrives off of the tourism and so does Alpine County. Many tourists come to Alpine County to explore the Stanislaus National Forest via snowmobile, snow bike, quad and dirt bike. Also many enjoy the unique Bear Valley Village and its snowmobile access in town and straight to the backcountry.

If this closure takes place our community will greatly suffer. I myself might even move completely. One of the main reasons my husband and myself live there is for the snowmobile access to the backcountry. If the snowmobile access is changed then there are many places we will not get to see anymore or ski or snowboard. Snowmobiling is one of our favorite things to do and part of where my heart is connected to these beautiful lands.

Besides my love, dedication and connection to the winter and snowmobiling access; our town will suffer, and a huge loss will be felt of tourists and home owners who are a big part of backcountry snowmobiles. They will leave and won't come back.

The winter backcountry access is the life force of Bear Valley and Alpine County and we need to keep the access exactly where it's at today!

Thanks,

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