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Comments: I ask you to reject the Stanislaus Forest OSV Recreation Management Plan's preferred Alternative 5 and, instead, select Alternative 3 to protect the wilderness qualities of the scenic Pacific Valley and Eagle roadless areas-two potential additions to Carson-Iceberg Wilderness and Emigrant Wilderness-and the habitat of the endangered Sierra Nevada red fox.

Roadless areas are rare these days. Sierra Nevada red fox are rare, too. Instead of opening up these wild lands to the intrusion of winter motorized traffic, the noise, the compressed vehicle tracks that would allow coyotes to travel the deep snows and predate on the fox, ... we must consider the larger community we humans are a part of and how best to navigate our recreational desires in right relationship with everything else. Breaking into a rare, wild, roadless area with over-snow vehicles is not honoring the larger community.

I urge you to adopt Alternative 3-keep the Pacific Valley and Eagle roadless areas closed to winter motorized use, retain opportunities for quiet human-powered winter recreation, and protect the Sierra Nevada red fox.