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Comments: Years ago our family bought a cabin on the Stanislaus National Forest. The main reason we purchased this cabin was for the year-round recreational activities available on the forest. We primarily snowmobile in the winter, but also snowshoe, cross country ski and downhill ski. We are asking that areas included in this plan are not closed to ANY winter time recreational activities including but not limited to all OSV (over-snow vehicles). Specific areas include Herring Creek, Long Valley, Eagle Meadow, the top of Sonora Pass (regardless if Hwy 108 is open or not), Pacific Valley to Highland Lakes and the Highway 4 corridor, including access to Bear Valley Ski Resort once it closes in the spring. We spend a lot of time hiking and exploring these areas in the summer as well and have not witnessed any detrimental impact from OSV. Closure of these areas will not only limit our access to winter recreational activities but will negatively effect businesses along the Highway 108 and Highway 4 corridors. These businesses rely not only on summer visitors, but winter visitors as well. We urge you to keep these areas as well as the "near natural areas" open to all winter time recreational activities including OSV.