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Comments: My wife and I have had a residence in Leland Meadows since 1999. Leland Meadows sits at 6300' elevation approximately 5 miles from Strawberry and is known for the Snow park there. The community consist of 32 condos and 25 homes(presently). Leland is all privately owned land surrounded by the Stanislaus Forest. The residents here purchase or build homes for the excellent accessibility to the use of the Forest during the summer and winter months. Due to the elevation of Leland it's a prime location for snowfall and produces a community of individuals and families that enjoy snowmobiling. Since Leland was established its been known for snowmobiling. There are approximately 45 snowmobiles that reside at the homes here. That almost equates to one sled per residence. It's a hard number to believe but a true statement.

Myself and many other members of the community ride this area. The area in reference is all of Highway 108 from Strawberry to Sonora Pass. For myself, family and friends we ride from Leland to Herring Creek road and to the top of the Loop hitting small meadows and the Gargoyles look out along the way. At this point we decide to sled either clockwise or counter clockwise around the Loop(4N12). When we ride CCW we head in the direction of Pinecrest Peak and then follow the ridge down till we drop into the Three Meadows. Continue to the road(4N12) and down to Groundhog and then up to Eagle Peak (the Cornice). From this location we can back track to 4N12 and continue to the north side of the loop and sled the Helicopter Pad area. We make use of all areas on, around and across Herring Creek Rd(4N12). At any given day we can make use of all or any portion of this area. In addition to Herring Creek Rd we make use of Highway 108. From Leland we are able to sled parallel to 108 to upper Cascade and drop down to the Highway. From here it's endless possibilities to Eagle Meadow, Dardanelles and the Pass. There are endless small meadows off the highway that are fun to ride and excellent learning opportunities for younger riders like my son.

We do not want to see any area restricted or removed off Highway 108 area above Pinecrest.

Some of the proposals are drastic and will impact families, businesses and real estate.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks

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