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I am an avid backcountry explorer. My profession is seasonal and allows me to recreate seven days a week in USFS lands in the winter. I snowshoe, snowboard, hike, and Snowmobile on USFS lands. I am a member of Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue- Snowmobile team.

Once again, USFS is proposing to close down thousands of acres to motorized recreation.

All OSV areas are multi use and open to ALL user groups. The anti-motorized community has a very specific view of who is "worthy" to travel in the backcountry on public lands. The battle cry of the human-powered advocates is "earn your turns". This viewpoint is exclusionary and prejudiced against members of the public who may be mobility challenged or simply out of shape or overweight.

Motorized recreation allows more members of the public to enjoy public lands and see more than they ever could without motorized recreation.

For the anti motorized community who demand quiet recreation, there are already hundreds of thousands of acres set aside for non motorized activities in the Stanislaus Forest along with the surrounding forest jurisdictions of USFS. These areas are the exclusive domain of the non motorized community AND they still have access to OSV lands if they choose. Further restrictions and closures to OSV use will only concentrate OSV users into a smaller area that could lead to resource damage. Please do not close any more areas to OSV use.

Thank you.