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Comments: Attention US Forest Service. This comment (and plea) is regarding the Use Designation #46311. As a long time resident and now homeowner in Bear Valley, CA (since 1968 - Lot 295), it concerns me greatly that there is a proposal to completely shut down forest service land from Winder recreational vehicle use. It does not seem wise or fair to incorporate such a drastic change in how so many people have enjoyed the great outdoors of the Sierras. Although I totally respect and appreciate the desire to preserve and maintain the wilderness areas in the Sierras, I urge you to NOT totally shut down the access of snowmobiles for the enjoyment of this wilderness. Bear Valley is a small and "snow locked" community that desperately relies on tourists and most importantly, winter visitors. Wilderness exploration for skiers, snow shoers and snow mobilers is vital to the health of the community. Please, please consider the economic health of the people who depend on visitors, and determine a viable alternative to allow for enjoyable access while also preserving the wilderness beauty.