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Comments: My name is Paula Marick and I am a life long resident of Tuolumne County. I am unique in that I have a rare disability. I am an achondroplast dwarf! I am very limited in what I am able to do athletically. Cross country skiing is not even possible with my disability. What I have been able to do, and really enjoy very much, is snowmobile. Yes, I am a dwarf who snowmobiles. Since the controls are with your arms I am very capable of riding into the backcountry. I love to go up and enjoy the beautiful winter wildlands. I get to the top of a hill and turn off my machine and have lunch with my husband enjoying the scenic beauty.

I have viewed the various proposed alternatives. Alternative 3 would be devastating to me because it would completely eliminate the area's I ride. I heard that this map was proposed by cross country skiers. I have never seen a cross country skier in this area and I am appalled that a cross country ski group would propose boundaries that would discriminate against me and my disability. I would ask that the forest service approve Alternative Map 4. Maps 3 and the preferred Alternative 5 would greatly discriminate against me and my access to public forest. I know that our national organization Little People of America founded would be horrified to hear of action by the USFS that would limit access to me and others like me!

Thank you for considering my special needs.

Sincerely, Paula Marick