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Comments: I am writing in my support to keep the Stanislaus National Forest OPEN to Over Snow Vehicles. My family has been enjoying our publics lands for years! My young children spend all 4 season in the Stanislaus National Forest. The Winter is by far the most family oriented time we have and this is due to our love of snowmobiling. Especially in the Eagle Meadows and Long Valley areas.

The Stanislaus Forest OSV use should have absolutely no change. None of your maps should be considered in this process. NO change to the current use should be made. 'Near Natural" does not apply to Over Snow vehicles.

We already have such a small area to ride. By giving us less riding area will cause more congestion and a greater risk of accidents. Snowmobiles do not make direct contact with the soil, water or vegetation. Therefor should not have the same restrictions as OHV. No science and no facts show snowmobiles are a threat to these areas. If anything they help preserve the snowpack making it last longer into summer which in turn provides people and animals with more water run off longer into the year.

Again no change should be made to Mill Creek access and Herring Creek loop: inside the loop, North of loop, east of loop. Eagle Meadow/Long Valley everything south of main road. North and east of long Valley. Top of Sonora Pass should remain open to snowmobilers.