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Comments: I am one of many who participate in non-motorized snow recreation in the Stanislaus National Forest: cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snow camping and winter hiking.

I support continued grooming of highway 4, Spicer Road, and potentially Highland Lakes Road, if the maps and materials made available to users clarify that motorized excursions away from the designated areas are not permitted. We non-motorized users use these roads as access to the back country as well so suggesting we use other routes is rather thoughtless. And as such I wish you would discourage two stroke engines in favor of 4 stroke which are much less offensive to those of us stuck in their wake of blue smoke.

I am not in favor of opening up the "near natural" areas between Pacific Valley and Highland Lakes Road This area should be preserved as an area of quiet and solitude for wildlife and non-motorized recreation. Studies in Yellowstone showed as long as snowmobiles were predictable staying on roads bison were not stressed by their presence as measured by their heart rates so perhaps this study may be relevant to other wildlife as well as non-motorised humans i.e. limiting snowmobiles to roads near wilderness borders would be advisable.