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Comments: To United States Forest Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stanislaus National Forest over snow vehicle use designation project.

It is my understanding that the United States Forest Service wishes to clarify the locations for allowed snowmobile use within the Stanislaus National Forest. I believe that snowmobile use should be allowed on existing roads in non-sensitive areas. I do not believe that snowmobiles should be allowed in sensitive areas such as meadows and creek drainages, newly designed areas, and especially next to or in designated wilderness areas.

Have the following been considered for this project area: the effect of snowmobile noise and exhaust on endangered or sensitive plant and animal species living in this area, cultural resources, and areas of other concern, such as significant geological areas? It appears that new snowmobile use is proposed to occur in such areas. This is very concerning due to the fact that new use in a previously protected area fragments species' habitat. I am strongly against this type of new use in wilderness areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me at amyhiker@att.net with a response to comments, and for future project notifications. Thank you.

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