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Comments: In regards to the over snow vehicle use designation # 46311 in the Stanislaus National Forest . There needs to be a winter motorized designation for all near natural and proposed wilderness areas throughout highway 108 and highway 4(different than summer motorized use, due to riding on the snow) Herring creek rd to sonora pass should all remain open to OSV use . Please keep Cooper peak,, Castle rock , Eagle Meadows, Three Chimneys, all the way to Relief And East Flange Rock. We historically have rode these areas for many years without any skier conflicts or resource damage . There needs to be a distinct boundary line , just like the ridge line we have now for the real wilderness areas. Anything else will be very difficult to navigate and very unenforceable.please manage our forest, don't just close it. It's amazing even snowmobiles access areas for wildlife studies where it would take many days to access by foot . Highway 4 needs to stay open for OSV use including Pacific Valley, Highlands Lakes, Lookout peak. Also keeping Bear Valley ski resort open for sledding ,skiing and snowmobiles after the ski season ends . It's a great place for families and friends to enjoy the snow . It's already a high impact area so there should be no reason for a low impact sport to use the land .Keep top of sonora pass open after the Highway opens for the season ,it's a great place to ski sled and snowmobile for families and friends. The snowmobiles are always giving rides to the skiers so they can make many more turns in a day to enjoy the snow with zero conflicts between them. Over snow vehicles should be able to ride any existing road or trail that any car or ohv can travel without any snow depth requirements. 12" snow depth off road is acceptable. You could make Pinecrest basin a great snowshoe and cross country ski area just add a few signs and trails, also long Barn would be a great area as well for cross country skiing. You need to manage the forest not just close it !! We ask the forest service to re-evaluate these regulations to ensure they do not restrict the use of over the snow vehicles beyond scientific or safety justifications. Thank you for your time.