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Comments: I grew up on the Stanislaus, my father worked in the National Forest - protecting it.

Almost every memory I have from childhood takes place somewhere in it. We carried other peoples trash out, we rehabilitated hurt animals, we ate the wild berries, made pies, and preserves. We tended gardens in the soil on leased National Forest land. We are responsible, conservation minded members of society.

Access to the lands endowed to us as citizens of this country should never be limited or restricted in any way for anything less then extreme circumstances. I have seen nothing here that fits that metric.

Sonora pass is a legendary riding area that people from all over the United States have traveled to and ride. This is a tourism area that our local economy needs. Snowmobilers stay in hotels, eat at restaurants and purchase gas at our local business's. The Forest Service has expressed how important the local recreation and tourism is. If you close down riding areas this will take a hit to the local business's.

Snowmobiling is not about riding trails. Backcountry snowmobiling is about exploring new areas. Getting to the top of the mountain. Challenging yourself in new terrain. Enjoying the beautiful snow covered mountains and the outdoors. This has been a lifelong passion of our family.

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.

Snowmobiles do not make direct contact with 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. 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. Proposing 12" Minimum depth including roadways. Top of Sonora Pass to remain open to snowmobilers.