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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Sean Waterman and over the past 25 years I have had the opportunity to ride snowmobiles on National Forest land in California, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming for both recreation and commercial purposes (Under permit of the USFS). Everyone that I have had a chance to ride with has always practiced the ethos of "Leave No Trace", except for tracks that will hopefully be soon covered by fresh snow, and I can honestly say I have never seen a fellow rider deliberately violate USFS rules and regulations. We all realize that our National Forests are lands that need to be respected and enjoyed by all.

That being said, I firmly oppose the proposed changes to Forest Service OSV regulations in the Sierra Nevada of California. OSV's rarely, if ever, do any significant physical damage to the terrain we enjoy, and if anything they give us all a greater appreciation of the beauty of the nature that surrounds us. More importantly, snowmobile riders are often a valuable asset to the backcountry community as a vital resource in Search and Rescue operations and as stewards of the land.

I respectfully ask that no further regulations and restrictions are imposed to OSV access to the Stanislaus National Forest, and specifically in the Mill Creek, Herring Creek and Eagle Meadows Area.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort in making the correct decision and not making any changes to the current use plans of our National Forest.

Respectfully Submitted on October 9, 2018 by Sean Waterman