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Comments: Hello FS,

My name is Travis Cockcroft. I have been a forest recreation enthusiast for 27 years. i started out in the Tahoe National Forest. I have already submitted comments maintaining that you extend the status quo there too.

I support making the forest more accessible for all people who want to recreate not making it closed off to motor or human powered people.

Specifically any areas where the elevation is above 6k feet should remain open. Those areas that can be accessed from the Hwy 4 and 108 corridors should also remain open.

I DO NOT support closing areas due to "near natural" or at least in its current proposal.

The Pacific Valley loop should remain open due to the distance between the sno park and Pacific Valley.

I do not support closing any areas more than 4 miles away from sno parks or parking because of quiet recreation. What I would support is trail riding only for snowmobiles to get deeper in the backcountry and allow split skiers to have the closer more attainable mountains, but only if they allow motorized access to pass through.

I do not know the names of areas very well, but I have ridden out there and it is some of the best riding available! It would be a mistake to close it off. There is a large community of homes in the strawberry area that own and ride snowmobiles. In fact some of the value of their homes is the ability to ride close to their house. Closing the forest and the resulting major loss in economic value would not be justifiable for a select few to enjoy a small percentage of the forest by human power. The fact is human power activities cannot go very far from the road or sno parks.

Leave the deeper forest open for motorized and create zones for passing through would be the best course of action. WE should SHARE our forest not close them.

Thank you! I look forward to hearing your response.

-Travis Cockcroft