

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/10/2018 1:54:11 AM

First name: Jake

Last name: Fuller

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Jake R Fuller

22537 Colorado River Dr

Sonora, Ca 95370

10/6/18

Administration

USFS

SONORA, Ca

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opinion on the matter regarding regulation of Overland Snow Vehicle use in the Stanislaus National Forest Region.

I understand that the WWA is going to be proactive and design areas where snowmobile use is appropriate, but there will be areas of the winter forest that are closed to motorized use just as they are in the summer.

The thing is, there are differences between summertime and wintertime. Certainly with four-wheelers and motorcycles, designated routes make sense, since they're touching the ground and disturbing the dirt. But where we ride, we're probably 4 to 5 feet above the ground, so there's no environmental reason to keep us on designated routes like they do in the summer; it's just two different things.

The WWA argument seems to be more of a personal issue against snowmobilers. Interest groups have been after snowmobiles since the beginning of the management process, and unfortunately experience teaches us that the Winter Wildlands Alliance and their supporters will advance the interests of their well-monied constituencies at the expense of jobs and rural communities that will suffer if they receive the restrictions.

It's a popular form of winter recreation and it has a place, it's just not something that needs to be every place. The idea that this is an effort to eliminate snowmobiles everywhere is just absurd.

Sincerely,

Jake Fuller