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Comments: I'm writing in regards to the Stanislaus forest OSV planing. I'm an avid backcountry user of both non-motorized travel and motorized travel. It just really saddens me to see how people of different activities can not work together and public forest use. The Sonora pass and Ebbetts pass area offer amazing backcountry terrain that everyone should have access to. These two areas are also not realistic to reach by foot only and a snowmobile is necessary to access these spots. There are probably far more people who are avid backcountry users who are not in good enough physical condition or not young enough to see and enjoy these spots by foot so why should they not be allowed to access these and any areas. The red fox has only been seen in such a small area that there is no reason to close off so much area that has no affects on it. I can also say there is nobody I know who would want to endanger any wildlife or harm any of the natural resources. That's why we are out there in the first place, to enjoy the amazing natural beauty of the back country. Minimum snow levels are a bigger issue than necessary because nobody wants to run there snowmobile in the dirt, it's not good for them. I feel there should not be a closing date to the season other than having enough snow to safely ride on. I also believe that if you talked to enough people from both sides of this situation you would find that it's the motorized group that is more open minded and wanting to have good access to all types of users because they not only use motorized travel to access the back country but also use non-motorized means of travel as well because we love being in the back country. Whereas the non motorized crowd is more closed minded and only wants foot travel only. So let's remember that it's our public forest lands and if you close access to the lands to motorized travel that there is a very large number of enthusiasts who would never be able to enjoy our great natural wonders.

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