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Comments: Hello,

I grew up in Bear Valley, and currently live there, within the Stanislaus National Forest. I have always been a proponent of OSV use in the Stanislaus National Forest, as well as OHV use in the National Forest. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ALTERNATIVE 5. I oppose alternative 5 because it violates our rights as American Citizens to have RESPONSIBLE ACCESS TO THE STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST. Or any other National Forest. OSV users have paid their fees in the form of tax and registration to fund the OSV/OHV sector of the U.S. Forest Service. We are very much a part of the National Forest, and are all lovers of the greater outdoors. The wilderness exists for the sole purpose of excluding all modern machinery and amenities, and does a fantastic job of doing so, I too enjoyed the wilderness for this very reason, and appreciate it in its serenity. DO NOT TURN OUR NATIONAL FOREST INTO A WILDERNESS! OHV/OSV access is a major separation between these two, and a major factor in why it exists in the first place, otherwise it would all be a wilderness. But it is not! Pacific Valley and surrounding elevations should REMAIN OPEN! Bear Valley Mountain Resort(Post Season) should REMAIN OPEN! Long valley Lowlands AND surround elevations including THREE CHIMNEYS SHOULD REMAIN OPEN! ALL EXISTING OHV ACCESS TO THE STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST SHOULD REMAIN OPEN! Instead of retracting access why not improve access to existing OSV Use Areas? Areas such as Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area, And Kennedy Meadows To Sonora Pass. Grooming of these routes would improve access to all skill levels and ages to enjoy our common interest, THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Sincerely,

Jackson Schoettgen