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Comments: I have reviewed the proposed action for Inyo Forest OSV. As, I live full time in Snowcreek V in Mammoth Lakes, I have concerns about the .5 mile stipulation for possible issues between OSVs and residential areas (noise, emissions, etc.)

In the analysis wrap-up for the section "Consider compatibility of motor vehicle use with existing conditions in populated areas taking into account sound, emissions, and other factors 36 CFR § 212.55(b)(5)", the Team's recreation staff concluded "Only one area, on the North side of Mammoth in the Knolls neighborhood, was assumed to have high to very high OSV use within 0.5 miles of a community." No mention of the Sherwin-Laurel meadow area that abuts Snowcreek V was included in this summation.

Why?

When one looks at the map of the area marked "No seasonal restrictions", this area runs right up to the back of Snowcreek V homes. The map shows this area as being much closer than .5 miles, certainly, yet the Team's recreation staff did not address this issue (my concern) in their summation (on page 61 of the report). As an area with no restrictions, OSV users could argue they have a right to run their motorized vehicles throughout this area, including directly in and around a residential community.

What plans will be in place to ensure that the .5 mile distance will be respected in the Sherwin meadow area?

Additionally, once OSVs are up alongside the Sherwin Range (at very low elevations), even though they may be .5 mile away from the SCV homes, the echo/amplification of noise is something that needs to be addressed.

Regards,

Kathleen