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Comments: Dear Inyo National Forest Supervisor Yen,

Unless otherwise stated, I support this OSV subpart-c proposed action. I have a few notes listed below I would love to see addressed in subsequent alternatives.

As far as conflict goes, anecdotal evidence from a biased party should absolutely not be allowed for submission. There are anti OSV folks out there that may have had a conflict at staging areas or somewhere in the forest because they don't like OSV use and they are the ones starting the conflict. I have never seen or heard of an OSV user starting conflict.

One anti OSV comment mentioned that there is illegal OSV use in the Lakes Basin. I strongly disagree. No OSV user that I know, and I know quite a lot of them, has ever told me that he has ridden in the lakes basin. Furthermore, I spoke with a Lake Mary land lease/cabin owner who has had a family cabin up there forever and he told me that he has never seen illegal snowmobile riding in the Lakes Basin. Fact is that the riding in the Lakes Basin is not good. There's really nowhere to ride that would be enjoyable. Those making the false statements are only doing so to paint a negative picture of us as rogue mavericks out there trashing the forest. This is simply not the case.

The Sherwins should remain open for all use. There are a few folks that skin the Sherwins and finish their ski runs at the Tele Bowls and they are suggesting closing the Sherwins only to exclude us from riding the Tele Bowls and using the existing FS Road as access for sled access skiing and snowboarding. Basically, they want all the freshies to themselves, which in my opinion is plain selfish.

The San Joaquin Ridge is a historic place to ride snowmobiles. The terrain is great and the Ridge in many years is the first place in the state to open and the last to close due to the amount of snowpack that accumulates there and the high elevation. Those that are in favor of closing the Ridge simply want the place to themselves and, in my opinion, are just plain selfish. Having the Ridge as the first and last place open during many years brings many thousands of dollars of revenue to the area from OSV users traveling from out of the area here to ride every year.

There are those that claim that OSV users are illegally riding in closed areas at Obsidian Dome and the surrounding terrain on the South and West side of 395. That is simply false. I know of no OSV user that rides over there. The terrain isn't really that good and we respect the closures 100%.

Please do what is proper moving forward and do not implement any further closure in the Inyo. Thank you very much for your time to take my comments and the comments of others regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

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