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The 1,132,500 acres being analyzed in this process should remain open to designated OSV use unless a unmitigable conflict or resource concern has been identified in a specific location. Under the proposed action, 72.7% of the area being analyzed would be closed to OSV use. "The Forest has not identified OSV use as a substantial impact to natural or cultural resources, or other recreational uses on a Forest-wide scale." With no substantial impacts identified, snow depth should be used in place of the model and map area because a map area assuming adequate snow depth will never be static. With climate change, snow depth will fluctuate throughout the management area, with some areas having suitable snow depth some years, but not others. Snow depth will fluctuate throughout the season and often with a single storm. Please use snow depth as the bases for OSV use and designate the 1,132,500 acres currently open as the Designated OSV Area. Let snow depth be the limiting factor for OSV use on any given day. Please don't limit OSV access to only 15.7% of public lands managed by the Inyo National Forest.

The Forest Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) identifies Desired Conditions for Sustainable Recreation (REC-FW-DC) that include a "range" and "variety" of recreational uses including motorized uses as desired. The Forest Plan also includes Sustainable Recreation Management Areas with Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classes identified as suitable for motorized uses including: Rural, Roaded Modified, Roaded Natural, and Semi-Primitive Motorized. There are hundreds of thousands of acres identified as suitable for motorized uses that would be excluded under the proposed action. The proposed action should include Designated OSV Areas consistent with ROS classes and Desired Conditions for Sustainable Recreation in the Forest Plan.